

Columbia University: School of Engineering

Spring 2022 SEAS Final Evaluation

Course: COMSW4995_014_2022_1 - TOPICS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Instructor: Yongwhan Lim *
TA: Brian Paick,Akhil Ravipati
Response Rate: 45/52 (86.54 %)

1 - Course: Amount Learned

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	8.89%					
Very Good	(4)	10	22.22%					
Excellent	(5)	31	68.89%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
45/52 (86.54%)				4.60		0.65		5.00

2 - Course: Appropriateness of Workload

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	2.22%					
Good	(3)	3	6.67%					
Very Good	(4)	8	17.78%					
Excellent	(5)	33	73.33%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
45/52 (86.54%)				4.62		0.72		5.00

3 - Course: Fairness of Grading Process

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	2.22%					
Good	(3)	1	2.22%					
Very Good	(4)	5	11.11%					
Excellent	(5)	38	84.44%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
45/52 (86.54%)				4.78		0.60		5.00

4 - Course: Overall Quality

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	2	4.44%					
Very Good	(4)	5	11.11%					
Excellent	(5)	38	84.44%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
45/52 (86.54%)				4.80		0.50		5.00

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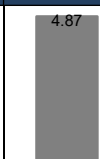
5 - Enter any additional comments here

Response Rate 8/52 (15.38%)

- An excellent class that helped me land an internship for the summer
- The department should have opened this course long ago. I was fortunate enough to take this course before graduation. This course helped me get an offer from a FAANG company. The most helpful class I have taken at Columbia University so far.
- The course is an essential for our CS students looking for a job in industry, it properly prepares everyone for interviews and success in them.
- This class is my favorite at Columbia and I hope other students get to experience it too!
- This course is really educational and helpful in terms of learning about competitive programming.
- Very helpful course for interview preparation.
- The grading process was very fair and Professor Lim organized the entirety of the class quite nicely.
- I really appreciate that we received points for spring break. I would've been very overwhelmed if I had to get 150 points, 10 points a week including doing contests during Spring break.

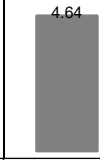
6 - Instructor: Organization and Preparation

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Very Good	(4)	6	13.33%	■				
Excellent	(5)	39	86.67%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
45/52 (86.54%)				4.87	0.34	5.00		

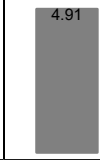
7 - Instructor: Classroom Delivery

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	2.22%					
Good	(3)	2	4.44%	■				
Very Good	(4)	9	20.00%	■				
Excellent	(5)	33	73.33%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
45/52 (86.54%)				4.64	0.68	5.00		

8 - Instructor: Approachability

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	1	2.22%					
Very Good	(4)	2	4.44%	■				
Excellent	(5)	42	93.33%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
45/52 (86.54%)				4.91	0.36	5.00		


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9 - Instructor: Overall Quality

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Very Good	(4)	4	8.89%	■				
Excellent	(5)	41	91.11%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
45/52 (86.54%)				4.91		0.29		5.00

10 - Would you nominate this professor for the SEAS Distinguished Faculty Award?

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	36	87.80%	■				
No	(2)	5	12.20%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
41/52 (78.85%)				1.12		0.33		1.00

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11 - If so, please explain why

Yongwhan Lim

Response Rate 26/52 (50%)

- Yongwhan has always been very approachable, friendly, and helpful.
- The professor is really knowledgeable in the area he is teaching.
- The professor takes his own time out to help me prepare my resume and practiced mock interviews with me multiple times. Because of his help, I was well-prepared for the interview. In the end, I received a summer internship offer from Apple. His class taught me a lot of things about data structure and algorithms. It focuses a lot on the application instead of theory. I ended up using the knowledge from the class in my projects and interview preparation a lot. It is way more useful than theory class to me.
- Professor Lim himself works at Google, is familiar with the interview process of large companies, and has first-class problem-solving skills for algorithms. Professors also value student feedback and continually adjust course content to help students achieve maximum benefit.
- This has been my third year at Columbia however Professor Lim has been the first professor in SEAS that seems like they really care about the well-being of their students. He is very eager to see us succeed inside and outside the classroom and is always making sure that we are okay as students. When I was struggling with the course, he went out of his way to make sure that I could perform better and taught me a lot along the way. He also challenged us to do and be better but also made sure that it wasn't demoralizing.
- Learned a lot from him!
- Prof. Lim is very nice and patient. He gave me a lot of help during my learning journey.
- He is so helpful and spent a lot of time on helping students.
- He really cares about students success in and out of the classroom and is in a constant state of trying to improve his course and delivery, and takes all suggestions seriously.
- He is a beast!
- The most responsible professor ever. So nice and patient, and willing to stand at the students' perspective. I highly recommend his courses.
- Very helpful and knowledgeable.
- The nicest professor I've ever met. He cares a lot about his student. He listens opinions of his students and improve his course.
- He prepared us with the most useful skills for tech interview and provide us insights as a instructor with industry experience, also like a friend to us,
- The support and lecture quality from the instructor was amazing. Also, he is really responsive to any type of communications (course-related questions, career coaching, and so on).
- Professor is soooo nice!
- He is really generous and warm-hearted. He truly care about our career success!
- He truly cares about his students and have a consistent desire to improve himself and course!
- Professor Lim is a very nice instructor. He is very willing to help us outside of the course, and his material is also very helpful to me.
- He is too good and caring about the students. I believe that distinguishes him from other faculty.
- Professor Lim cares a lot about each and every one of his students. Now, I know this is true for every teacher at Columbia but I feel that Professor Lim's approachability was one-of-a-kind. Rather than a teacher, I thought of Professor Lim as a mentor and a friend who cared deeply about my success going forward. Even now, after finishing his class, I am looking forward to staying in touch with him and continuing to discuss job opportunities, career growth, etc as I graduate and move on in life.
- Professor Lim did a great job on teaching this course and I've learned a lot.
- Professor Lim is super smart, nice and helpful. His course is the most practical course that I've taken in Columbia.
- Great delivery of lecture
- Great teacher with passion and patience.
- Professor Lim goes out of his way to personally invite students to coding competitions. He also makes sure to accommodate all of his students. He not only is a great course instructor but he also gives us plenty of life and CS career advice.

12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		<div><div></div><div>4.60</div></div>			
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	3	10.00%	<div></div>				
Very Good	(4)	6	20.00%	<div></div>				
Excellent	(5)	21	70.00%	<div></div>				
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Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				4.60		0.67		5.00

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12 - Overall Quality

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	6	20.00%					
Very Good	(4)	6	20.00%					
Excellent	(5)	18	60.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				4.40		0.81		5.00

12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	9	15.00%					
Very Good	(4)	12	20.00%					
Excellent	(5)	39	65.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				4.50		0.75		5.00

13 - Knowledgeability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	2	6.67%					
Very Good	(4)	7	23.33%					
Excellent	(5)	21	70.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				4.63		0.61		5.00

13 - Knowledgeability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	3.33%					
Good	(3)	4	13.33%					
Very Good	(4)	7	23.33%					
Excellent	(5)	18	60.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				4.40		0.86		5.00

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13 - Knowledgeability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	1.67%					
Good	(3)	6	10.00%					
Very Good	(4)	14	23.33%					
Excellent	(5)	39	65.00%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
				4.52	0.75	5.00		

14 - Approachability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	13.33%					
Very Good	(4)	5	16.67%					
Excellent	(5)	21	70.00%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
30/52 (57.69%)				4.57	0.73	5.00		

14 - Approachability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	3.33%					
Good	(3)	6	20.00%					
Very Good	(4)	5	16.67%					
Excellent	(5)	18	60.00%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
30/52 (57.69%)				4.33	0.92	5.00		

14 - Approachability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	1.67%					
Good	(3)	10	16.67%					
Very Good	(4)	10	16.67%					
Excellent	(5)	39	65.00%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
				4.45	0.83	5.00		

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15 - Availability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	13.79%					
Very Good	(4)	5	17.24%					
Excellent	(5)	20	68.97%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				4.55		0.74		5.00

15 - Availability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	2	6.67%					
Good	(3)	5	16.67%					
Very Good	(4)	5	16.67%					
Excellent	(5)	18	60.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				4.30		0.99		5.00

15 - Availability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	2	3.39%					
Good	(3)	9	15.25%					
Very Good	(4)	10	16.95%					
Excellent	(5)	38	64.41%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.42		0.88		5.00

16 - Communication

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	3	10.00%					
Very Good	(4)	6	20.00%					
Excellent	(5)	21	70.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				4.60		0.67		5.00

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16 - Communication

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	1	3.33%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	16.67%					
Very Good	(4)	6	20.00%					
Excellent	(5)	18	60.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				4.33		0.99		5.00

16 - Communication

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	1	1.67%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	8	13.33%					
Very Good	(4)	12	20.00%					
Excellent	(5)	39	65.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.47		0.85		5.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	23	76.67%					
No	(2)	0	0.00%					
N/A	(3)	7	23.33%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				1.47		0.86		1.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	23	76.67%					
No	(2)	1	3.33%					
N/A	(3)	6	20.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				1.43		0.82		1.00





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17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	46	76.67%			1.45		
No	(2)	1	1.67%					
N/A	(3)	13	21.67%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				1.45		0.83		1.00

18 - Comments

Akhil Ravipati

Response Rate	0/52 (0%)
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18 - Comments

Brian Paick

Response Rate	3/52 (5.77%)
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- <3
- Good!
- I never really interacted with Brian as a TA this semester. I didn't really need to but if I did, I didn't really know how to contact him.

18 - Comments

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Rate	
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- <3
- Good!
- I never really interacted with Brian as a TA this semester. I didn't really need to but if I did, I didn't really know how to contact him.