

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: 29/52 (55.77 %)

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	13.79%					
Very Good	(4)	7	24.14%					
Excellent	(5)	18	62.07%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				4.48		0.74		5.00

2 - Course: Appropriateness of Workload

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	3.45%					
Good	(3)	3	10.34%					
Very Good	(4)	5	17.24%					
Excellent	(5)	20	68.97%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				4.52		0.83		5.00

3 - Course: Fairness of Grading Process

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	3.45%					
Good	(3)	1	3.45%					
Very Good	(4)	5	17.24%					
Excellent	(5)	22	75.86%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				4.66		0.72		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	6.90%					
Very Good	(4)	4	13.79%					
Excellent	(5)	23	79.31%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				4.72		0.59		5.00

5 - Enter any additional comments here

Response Rate 5/52 (9.62%)

- 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.

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6 - Instructor: Organization and Preparation

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.79		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Very Good	(4)	6	20.69%	■				
Excellent	(5)	23	79.31%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD		Median	
29/52 (55.77%)				4.79	0.41		5.00	

7 - Instructor: Classroom Delivery

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.52		
Fair	(2)	1	3.45%					
Good	(3)	2	6.90%	■				
Very Good	(4)	7	24.14%	■				
Excellent	(5)	19	65.52%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD		Median	
29/52 (55.77%)				4.52	0.78		5.00	

8 - Instructor: Approachability

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.86		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	1	3.45%					
Very Good	(4)	2	6.90%	■				
Excellent	(5)	26	89.66%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD		Median	
29/52 (55.77%)				4.86	0.44		5.00	

9 - Instructor: Overall Quality

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.86		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Very Good	(4)	4	13.79%	■				
Excellent	(5)	25	86.21%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD		Median	
29/52 (55.77%)				4.86	0.35		5.00	




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

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	22	88.00%					
No	(2)	3	12.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
25/52 (48.08%)				1.12		0.33		1.00





11 - If so, please explain why

Yongwhan Lim

Response Rate	15/52 (28.85%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). 	

12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	1	5.56%					
Very Good	(4)	5	27.78%					
Excellent	(5)	12	66.67%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
18/52 (34.62%)				4.61		0.61		5.00

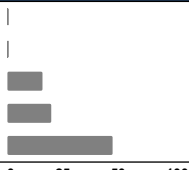
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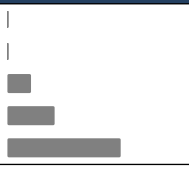
12 - Overall Quality

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			<div>4.38</div>		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	19.05%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	23.81%	■				
Excellent	(5)	12	57.14%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
21/52 (40.38%)				4.38		0.80		5.00

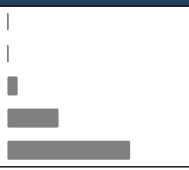
12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			<div>4.49</div>		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	12.82%	■				
Very Good	(4)	10	25.64%	■				
Excellent	(5)	24	61.54%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.49		0.72		5.00

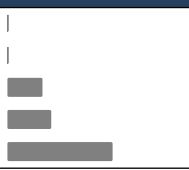
13 - Knowledgeability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			<div>4.61</div>		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	1	5.56%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	27.78%	■				
Excellent	(5)	12	66.67%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
18/52 (34.62%)				4.61		0.61		5.00

13 - Knowledgeability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			<div>4.38</div>		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	19.05%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	23.81%	■				
Excellent	(5)	12	57.14%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
21/52 (40.38%)				4.38		0.80		5.00

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13 - Knowledgeability

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	12.82%					
Very Good	(4)	10	25.64%					
Excellent	(5)	24	61.54%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
				4.49	0.72	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)	2	11.11%					
Very Good	(4)	4	22.22%					
Excellent	(5)	12	66.67%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
18/52 (34.62%)				4.56	0.70	5.00		

14 - Approachability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	23.81%					
Very Good	(4)	4	19.05%					
Excellent	(5)	12	57.14%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
21/52 (40.38%)				4.33	0.86	5.00		

14 - Approachability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	7	17.95%					
Very Good	(4)	8	20.51%					
Excellent	(5)	24	61.54%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
				4.44	0.79	5.00		



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15 - Availability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means								
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.53							
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%										
Good	(3)	2	11.76%										
Very Good	(4)	4	23.53%										
Excellent	(5)	11	64.71%										
				0	25	50			100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD			Median				
17/52 (32.69%)				4.53		0.72		5.00					



15 - Availability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means							
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.29						
Fair	(2)	1	4.76%									
Good	(3)	4	19.05%									
Very Good	(4)	4	19.05%									
Excellent	(5)	12	57.14%									
				0	25	50			100	TA		
Response Rate				Mean		STD			Median			
21/52 (40.38%)				4.29		0.96		5.00				



15 - Availability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means							
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.39						
Fair	(2)	1	2.63%									
Good	(3)	6	15.79%									
Very Good	(4)	8	21.05%									
Excellent	(5)	23	60.53%									
				0	25	50			100	TA		
Response Rate				Mean		STD			Median			
				4.39		0.86		5.00				

16 - Communication

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means							
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.61						
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%									
Good	(3)	1	5.56%									
Very Good	(4)	5	27.78%									
Excellent	(5)	12	66.67%									
				0	25	50			100	TA		
Response Rate				Mean		STD			Median			
18/52 (34.62%)				4.61		0.61		5.00				


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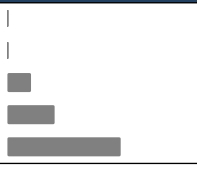
16 - Communication

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.38		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	19.05%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	23.81%	■				
Excellent	(5)	12	57.14%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
21/52 (40.38%)				4.38		0.80		5.00


16 - Communication

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.49		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	12.82%	■				
Very Good	(4)	10	25.64%	■				
Excellent	(5)	24	61.54%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.49		0.72		5.00


17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	16	88.89%	■		1.22		
No	(2)	0	0.00%					
N/A	(3)	2	11.11%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
18/52 (34.62%)				1.22		0.65		1.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	18	85.71%	■		1.24		
No	(2)	1	4.76%	■				
N/A	(3)	2	9.52%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
21/52 (40.38%)				1.24		0.62		1.00





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17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

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Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	34	87.18%					
No	(2)	1	2.56%					
N/A	(3)	4	10.26%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				1.23		0.63		1.00

18 - Comments

Akhil Ravipati

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

Brian Paick

Response Rate	2/52 (3.85%)
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- <3
- Good!

18 - Comments

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Rate	
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- <3
- Good!