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:	35/52 (67.31 %)

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	11.43%		
Very Good	(4)	8	22.86%		4.54
Excellent	(5)	23	65.71%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
35/52 (67.31%)	4.54	0.70	5.00

2 - Course: Appropriateness of Workload

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	1	2.86%		
Good	(3)	3	8.57%		
Very Good	(4)	6	17.14%		4.57
Excellent	(5)	25	71.43%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
35/52 (67.31%)	4.57	0.78	5.00

3 - Course: Fairness of Grading Process

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	1	2.86%		
Good	(3)	1	2.86%		
Very Good	(4)	5	14.29%		4.71
Excellent	(5)	28	80.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
35/52 (67.31%)	4.71	0.67	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	5.71%		
Very Good	(4)	4	11.43%		4.77
Excellent	(5)	29	82.86%		

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35/52 (67.31%)	4.77	0.55	5.00

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5 - Enter any additional comments here

Response Rate	6/52 (11.54%)

• 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.

6 - Instructor: Organization and Preparation

Yongwhan Lim

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		4.83
Very Good	(4)	6	17.14%		
Excellent	(5)	29	82.86%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
35/52 (67.31%)	4.83	0.38	5.00

7 - Instructor: Classroom Delivery

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	1	2.86%		
Good	(3)	2	5.71%		4.60
Very Good	(4)	7	20.00%		
Excellent	(5)	25	71.43%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
35/52 (67.31%)	4.60	0.74	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	2.86%		4.89
Very Good	(4)	2	5.71%		
Excellent	(5)	32	91.43%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
35/52 (67.31%)	4.89	0.40	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%		4.89
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Very Good	(4)	4	11.43%		
Excellent	(5)	31	88.57%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
35/52 (67.31%)	4.89	0.32	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)	27	87.10%		1.13
No	(2)	4	12.90%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
31/52 (59.62%)	1.13	0.34	1.00

11 - If so, please explain why

Yongwhan Lim

Response Rate	19/52 (36.54%)

• 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 intructor wtih 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 suceess!

• 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.
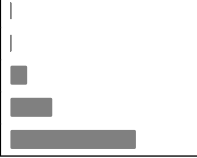
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12 - Overall Quality
Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	2	9.09%		4.59
Very Good	(4)	5	22.73%		
Excellent	(5)	15	68.18%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
22/52 (42.31%)	4.59	0.67	5.00

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)	4	16.67%		4.46
Very Good	(4)	5	20.83%		
Excellent	(5)	15	62.50%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
24/52 (46.15%)	4.46	0.78	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)	6	13.04%		4.52
Very Good	(4)	10	21.74%		
Excellent	(5)	30	65.22%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.52	0.72	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	9.09%		4.59
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13 - Knowledgeability
Brian Paick

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24/52 (46.15%)	4.46	0.78	5.00

13 - Knowledgeability
Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.52
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	6	13.04%		
Very Good	(4)	10	21.74%		
Excellent	(5)	30	65.22%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.52	0.72	5.00

14 - Approachability
Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.55
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	3	13.64%		
Very Good	(4)	4	18.18%		
Excellent	(5)	15	68.18%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
22/52 (42.31%)	4.55	0.74	5.00

14 - Approachability
Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.42
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	5	20.83%		
Very Good	(4)	4	16.67%		
Excellent	(5)	15	62.50%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
24/52 (46.15%)	4.42	0.83	5.00

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14 - Approachability
Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.48
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	8	17.39%		
Very Good	(4)	8	17.39%		
Excellent	(5)	30	65.22%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.48	0.78	5.00

15 - Availability
Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.52
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	3	14.29%		
Very Good	(4)	4	19.05%		
Excellent	(5)	14	66.67%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
21/52 (40.38%)	4.52	0.75	5.00

15 - Availability
Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.38
Fair	(2)	1	4.17%		
Good	(3)	4	16.67%		
Very Good	(4)	4	16.67%		
Excellent	(5)	15	62.50%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
24/52 (46.15%)	4.38	0.92	5.00

15 - Availability
Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.44
Fair	(2)	1	2.22%		
Good	(3)	7	15.56%		
Very Good	(4)	8	17.78%		
Excellent	(5)	29	64.44%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.44	0.84	5.00

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16 - Communication
Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.59
Good	(3)	2	9.09%		
Very Good	(4)	5	22.73%		
Excellent	(5)	15	68.18%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
22/52 (42.31%)	4.59	0.67	5.00

16 - Communication
Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.46
Good	(3)	4	16.67%		
Very Good	(4)	5	20.83%		
Excellent	(5)	15	62.50%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
24/52 (46.15%)	4.46	0.78	5.00

16 - Communication
Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.52
Good	(3)	6	13.04%		
Very Good	(4)	10	21.74%		
Excellent	(5)	30	65.22%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.52	0.72	5.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?
Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Yes	(1)	18	81.82%		
No	(2)	0	0.00%		1.36
N/A	(3)	4	18.18%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
22/52 (42.31%)	1.36	0.79	1.00

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17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Yes	(1)	20	83.33%		
No	(2)	1	4.17%		1.29
N/A	(3)	3	12.50%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
24/52 (46.15%)	1.29	0.69	1.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Yes	(1)	38	82.61%		
No	(2)	1	2.17%		1.33
N/A	(3)	7	15.22%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	1.33	0.73	1.00

18 - Comments

Akhil Ravipati

Response Rate	0/52 (0%)

18 - Comments

Brian Paick

Response Rate	2/52 (3.85%)

- <3
- Good!

18 - Comments

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Rate	

- <3
- Good!