

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: 34/52 (65.38 %)

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	11.76%					
Very Good	(4)	8	23.53%					
Excellent	(5)	22	64.71%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
34/52 (65.38%)				4.53	0.71	5.00		

2 - Course: Appropriateness of Workload

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	2.94%					
Good	(3)	3	8.82%					
Very Good	(4)	6	17.65%					
Excellent	(5)	24	70.59%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
34/52 (65.38%)				4.56	0.79	5.00		

3 - Course: Fairness of Grading Process

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	2.94%					
Good	(3)	1	2.94%					
Very Good	(4)	5	14.71%					
Excellent	(5)	27	79.41%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
34/52 (65.38%)				4.71	0.68	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	5.88%					
Very Good	(4)	4	11.76%					
Excellent	(5)	28	82.35%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
34/52 (65.38%)				4.76	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

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.82			
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Very Good	(4)	6	17.65%					
Excellent	(5)	28	82.35%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
34/52 (65.38%)				4.82	0.39	5.00		

7 - Instructor: Classroom Delivery

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.59			
Fair	(2)	1	2.94%					
Good	(3)	2	5.88%					
Very Good	(4)	7	20.59%					
Excellent	(5)	24	70.59%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
34/52 (65.38%)				4.59	0.74	5.00		

8 - Instructor: Approachability

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.88			
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	1	2.94%					
Very Good	(4)	2	5.88%					
Excellent	(5)	31	91.18%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
34/52 (65.38%)				4.88	0.41	5.00		


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9 - Instructor: Overall Quality

Yongwhan Lim

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.88		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Very Good	(4)	4	11.76%	■				
Excellent	(5)	30	88.24%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
34/52 (65.38%)				4.88		0.33		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)	26	86.67%	■		1.13		
No	(2)	4	13.33%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				1.13		0.35		1.00

11 - If so, please explain why

Yongwhan Lim

Response Rate 18/52 (34.62%)

- 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!

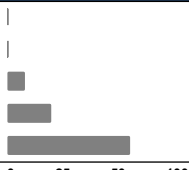
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12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			<div>4.57</div>		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	2	9.52%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	23.81%	■				
Excellent	(5)	14	66.67%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
21/52 (40.38%)				4.57		0.68		5.00

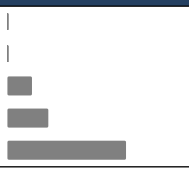
12 - Overall Quality

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			<div>4.46</div>		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	16.67%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	20.83%	■				
Excellent	(5)	15	62.50%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
24/52 (46.15%)				4.46		0.78		5.00

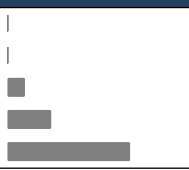
12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			<div>4.51</div>		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	6	13.33%	■				
Very Good	(4)	10	22.22%	■				
Excellent	(5)	29	64.44%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.51		0.73		5.00

13 - Knowledgeability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			<div>4.57</div>		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	2	9.52%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	23.81%	■				
Excellent	(5)	14	66.67%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
21/52 (40.38%)				4.57		0.68		5.00

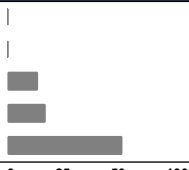
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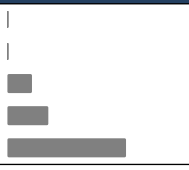
13 - Knowledgeability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.46		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	16.67%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	20.83%	■				
Excellent	(5)	15	62.50%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
24/52 (46.15%)				4.46		0.78		5.00

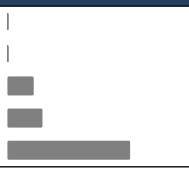
13 - Knowledgeability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.51		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	6	13.33%	■				
Very Good	(4)	10	22.22%	■				
Excellent	(5)	29	64.44%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.51		0.73		5.00

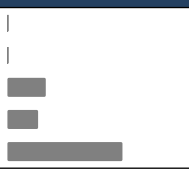
14 - Approachability

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%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
21/52 (40.38%)				4.52		0.75		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%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
24/52 (46.15%)				4.42		0.83		5.00

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14 - Approachability

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Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	8	17.78%					
Very Good	(4)	8	17.78%					
Excellent	(5)	29	64.44%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
				4.47	0.79	5.00		

15 - Availability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	3	15.00%					
Very Good	(4)	4	20.00%					
Excellent	(5)	13	65.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
20/52 (38.46%)				4.50	0.76	5.00		

15 - Availability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	4.17%					
Good	(3)	4	16.67%					
Very Good	(4)	4	16.67%					
Excellent	(5)	15	62.50%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
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%					
Fair	(2)	1	2.27%					
Good	(3)	7	15.91%					
Very Good	(4)	8	18.18%					
Excellent	(5)	28	63.64%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
				4.43	0.85	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%					
Good	(3)	2	9.52%					
Very Good	(4)	5	23.81%					
Excellent	(5)	14	66.67%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
21/52 (40.38%)				4.57		0.68		5.00

16 - Communication

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%					
Very Good	(4)	5	20.83%					
Excellent	(5)	15	62.50%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
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%					
Good	(3)	6	13.33%					
Very Good	(4)	10	22.22%					
Excellent	(5)	29	64.44%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.51		0.73		5.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	17	80.95%					
No	(2)	0	0.00%					
N/A	(3)	4	19.05%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
21/52 (40.38%)				1.38		0.80		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%					
N/A	(3)	3	12.50%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
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)	37	82.22%					
No	(2)	1	2.22%					
N/A	(3)	7	15.56%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				1.33		0.74		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%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <3 Good! 	

18 - Comments

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Response Rate	
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