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:	40/52 (76.92 %)

1 - Course: Amount Learned

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.58
Good	(3)	4	10.00%		
Very Good	(4)	9	22.50%		
Excellent	(5)	27	67.50%		

Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median
40/52 (76.92%)		4.58	0.68	5.00

2 - Course: Appropriateness of Workload

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	1	2.50%		4.63
Good	(3)	3	7.50%		
Very Good	(4)	6	15.00%		
Excellent	(5)	30	75.00%		

Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median
40/52 (76.92%)		4.63	0.74	5.00

3 - Course: Fairness of Grading Process

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	1	2.50%		4.75
Good	(3)	1	2.50%		
Very Good	(4)	5	12.50%		
Excellent	(5)	33	82.50%		

Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median
40/52 (76.92%)		4.75	0.63	5.00

4 - Course: Overall Quality

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.80
Good	(3)	2	5.00%		
Very Good	(4)	4	10.00%		
Excellent	(5)	34	85.00%		

Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median
40/52 (76.92%)		4.80	0.52	5.00

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5 - Enter any additional comments here

Response Rate	7/52 (13.46%)

• 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.

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6 - Instructor: Organization and Preparation

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.85
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Very Good	(4)	6	15.00%		
Excellent	(5)	34	85.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
40/52 (76.92%)	4.85	0.36	5.00

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7 - Instructor: Classroom Delivery

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.65
Fair	(2)	1	2.50%		
Good	(3)	2	5.00%		
Very Good	(4)	7	17.50%		
Excellent	(5)	30	75.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
40/52 (76.92%)	4.65	0.70	5.00

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8 - Instructor: Approachability

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.90
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	1	2.50%		
Very Good	(4)	2	5.00%		
Excellent	(5)	37	92.50%		

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40/52 (76.92%)	4.90	0.38	5.00

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9 - Instructor: Overall Quality

Yongwhan Lim

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.90
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Very Good	(4)	4	10.00%		
Excellent	(5)	36	90.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
40/52 (76.92%)	4.90	0.30	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)	32	88.89%		1.11
No	(2)	4	11.11%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
36/52 (69.23%)	1.11	0.32	1.00

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11 - If so, please explain why

Yongwhan Lim

Response Rate	24/52 (46.15%)

• 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.

• 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

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12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.67
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	2	7.41%		
Very Good	(4)	5	18.52%		
Excellent	(5)	20	74.07%		
				0 25 50 100	TA

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12 - Overall Quality
Brian Paick

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.50
Good	(3)	4	15.38%		
Very Good	(4)	5	19.23%		
Excellent	(5)	17	65.38%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
26/52 (50.00%)	4.50	0.76	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%		4.58
Good	(3)	6	11.32%		
Very Good	(4)	10	18.87%		
Excellent	(5)	37	69.81%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.58	0.69	5.00

13 - Knowledgeability
Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.67
Good	(3)	2	7.41%		
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13 - Knowledgeability
Brian Paick

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Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.50
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13 - Knowledgeability

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.58
Good	(3)	6	11.32%		
Very Good	(4)	10	18.87%		
Excellent	(5)	37	69.81%		
				0 25 50 100	TA

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	4.58	0.69	5.00

14 - Approachability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.63
Good	(3)	3	11.11%		
Very Good	(4)	4	14.81%		
Excellent	(5)	20	74.07%		
				0 25 50 100	TA

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27/52 (51.92%)	4.63	0.69	5.00

14 - Approachability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.46
Good	(3)	5	19.23%		
Very Good	(4)	4	15.38%		
Excellent	(5)	17	65.38%		
				0 25 50 100	TA

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
26/52 (50.00%)	4.46	0.81	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%		4.55
Good	(3)	8	15.09%		
Very Good	(4)	8	15.09%		
Excellent	(5)	37	69.81%		
				0 25 50 100	TA

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.55	0.75	5.00

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15 - Availability
Akhil Ravipati

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.62
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	3	11.54%		
Very Good	(4)	4	15.38%		
Excellent	(5)	19	73.08%		

Response Rate			Mean	STD	Median
26/52 (50.00%)			4.62	0.70	5.00

15 - Availability
Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.42
Fair	(2)	1	3.85%		
Good	(3)	4	15.38%		
Very Good	(4)	4	15.38%		
Excellent	(5)	17	65.38%		

Response Rate			Mean	STD	Median
26/52 (50.00%)			4.42	0.90	5.00

15 - Availability
Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.52
Fair	(2)	1	1.92%		
Good	(3)	7	13.46%		
Very Good	(4)	8	15.38%		
Excellent	(5)	36	69.23%		

Response Rate			Mean	STD	Median
			4.52	0.80	5.00

16 - Communication
Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.67
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	2	7.41%		
Very Good	(4)	5	18.52%		
Excellent	(5)	20	74.07%		

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16 - Communication

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.50
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	4	15.38%		
Very Good	(4)	5	19.23%		
Excellent	(5)	17	65.38%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
26/52 (50.00%)	4.50	0.76	5.00

16 - Communication

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.58
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	6	11.32%		
Very Good	(4)	10	18.87%		
Excellent	(5)	37	69.81%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.58	0.69	5.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Yes	(1)	22	81.48%		1.37
No	(2)	0	0.00%		
N/A	(3)	5	18.52%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
27/52 (51.92%)	1.37	0.79	1.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Yes	(1)	21	80.77%		1.35
No	(2)	1	3.85%		
N/A	(3)	4	15.38%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
26/52 (50.00%)	1.35	0.75	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)	43	81.13%		
No	(2)	1	1.89%		1.36
N/A	(3)	9	16.98%		
				0 25 50 100	TA

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	1.36	0.76	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!