

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: 42/52 (80.77 %)

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	9.52%					
Very Good	(4)	9	21.43%					
Excellent	(5)	29	69.05%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
42/52 (80.77%)				4.60		0.66		5.00

2 - Course: Appropriateness of Workload

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	2.38%					
Good	(3)	3	7.14%					
Very Good	(4)	7	16.67%					
Excellent	(5)	31	73.81%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
42/52 (80.77%)				4.62		0.73		5.00

3 - Course: Fairness of Grading Process

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	2.38%					
Good	(3)	1	2.38%					
Very Good	(4)	5	11.90%					
Excellent	(5)	35	83.33%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
42/52 (80.77%)				4.76		0.62		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	4.76%					
Very Good	(4)	4	9.52%					
Excellent	(5)	36	85.71%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
42/52 (80.77%)				4.81		0.51		5.00

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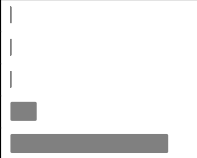
5 - Enter any additional comments here

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.


6 - Instructor: Organization and Preparation

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)	6	14.29%	■				
Excellent	(5)	36	85.71%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
42/52 (80.77%)				4.86		0.35		5.00


7 - Instructor: Classroom Delivery

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.67		
Fair	(2)	1	2.38%					
Good	(3)	2	4.76%	■				
Very Good	(4)	7	16.67%	■				
Excellent	(5)	32	76.19%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
42/52 (80.77%)				4.67		0.69		5.00

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	2.38%					
Very Good	(4)	2	4.76%	■				
Excellent	(5)	39	92.86%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
42/52 (80.77%)				4.90		0.37		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	9.52%	■				
Excellent	(5)	38	90.48%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
42/52 (80.77%)				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)	34	89.47%	■				
No	(2)	4	10.53%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
38/52 (73.08%)				1.11		0.31		1.00

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11 - If so, please explain why

Yongwhan Lim

Response Rate 25/52 (48.08%)

- 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.

12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			TA		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	3	10.34%					
Very Good	(4)	5	17.24%					
Excellent	(5)	21	72.41%					
				0 25 50 100				
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
29/52 (55.77%)				4.62	0.68	5.00		

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12 - Overall Quality

Brian Paick

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	17.86%					
Very Good	(4)	5	17.86%					
Excellent	(5)	18	64.29%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
28/52 (53.85%)				4.46	0.79	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)	8	14.04%					
Very Good	(4)	10	17.54%					
Excellent	(5)	39	68.42%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
				4.54	0.73	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	6.90%					
Very Good	(4)	6	20.69%					
Excellent	(5)	21	72.41%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
29/52 (55.77%)				4.66	0.61	5.00		

13 - Knowledgeability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	14.29%					
Very Good	(4)	6	21.43%					
Excellent	(5)	18	64.29%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
28/52 (53.85%)				4.50	0.75	5.00		

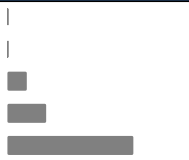
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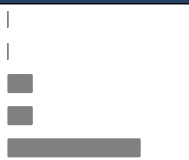
13 - Knowledgeability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.58		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	6	10.53%	■				
Very Good	(4)	12	21.05%	■				
Excellent	(5)	39	68.42%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.58		0.68		5.00

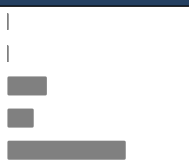
14 - Approachability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.59		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	13.79%	■				
Very Good	(4)	4	13.79%	■				
Excellent	(5)	21	72.41%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				4.59		0.73		5.00

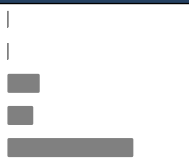
14 - Approachability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.43		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	6	21.43%	■				
Very Good	(4)	4	14.29%	■				
Excellent	(5)	18	64.29%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
28/52 (53.85%)				4.43		0.84		5.00

14 - Approachability

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)	10	17.54%	■				
Very Good	(4)	8	14.04%	■				
Excellent	(5)	39	68.42%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.51		0.78		5.00

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15 - Availability

Akhil Ravipati

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	14.29%					
Very Good	(4)	4	14.29%					
Excellent	(5)	20	71.43%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
28/52 (53.85%)				4.57		0.74		5.00

15 - Availability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	3.57%					
Good	(3)	5	17.86%					
Very Good	(4)	4	14.29%					
Excellent	(5)	18	64.29%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
28/52 (53.85%)				4.39		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	1.79%					
Good	(3)	9	16.07%					
Very Good	(4)	8	14.29%					
Excellent	(5)	38	67.86%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.48		0.83		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	10.34%					
Very Good	(4)	5	17.24%					
Excellent	(5)	21	72.41%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
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16 - Communication

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	17.86%					
Very Good	(4)	5	17.86%					
Excellent	(5)	18	64.29%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
28/52 (53.85%)				4.46		0.79		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)	8	14.04%					
Very Good	(4)	10	17.54%					
Excellent	(5)	39	68.42%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.54		0.73		5.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	23	79.31%					
No	(2)	0	0.00%					
N/A	(3)	6	20.69%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				1.41		0.82		1.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	22	78.57%					
No	(2)	1	3.57%					
N/A	(3)	5	17.86%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
28/52 (53.85%)				1.39		0.79		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)	45	78.95%	<div><div></div></div>	1.40	<div><div></div></div>		
No	(2)	1	1.75%	<div><div></div></div>				
N/A	(3)	11	19.30%	<div><div></div></div>				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
				1.40	0.80	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

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Response Rate

- <3
- Good!