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:	38/52 (73.08 %)

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	10.53%		4.55
Very Good	(4)	9	23.68%		
Excellent	(5)	25	65.79%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
38/52 (73.08%)	4.55	0.69	5.00
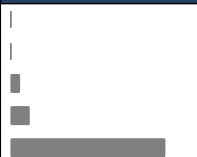
2 - Course: Appropriateness of Workload

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	1	2.63%		
Good	(3)	3	7.89%		4.61
Very Good	(4)	6	15.79%		
Excellent	(5)	28	73.68%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
38/52 (73.08%)	4.61	0.75	5.00

3 - Course: Fairness of Grading Process

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	1	2.63%		
Good	(3)	1	2.63%		4.74
Very Good	(4)	5	13.16%		
Excellent	(5)	31	81.58%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
38/52 (73.08%)	4.74	0.64	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	5.26%		4.79
Very Good	(4)	4	10.53%		
Excellent	(5)	32	84.21%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
38/52 (73.08%)	4.79	0.53	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.

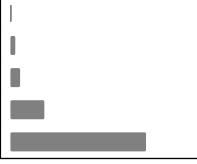• The grading process was very fair and Professor Lim organized the entirety of the class quite nicely.

6 - Instructor: Organization and Preparation

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.84
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Very Good	(4)	6	15.79%		
Excellent	(5)	32	84.21%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
38/52 (73.08%)	4.84	0.37	5.00

7 - Instructor: Classroom Delivery

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.63
Fair	(2)	1	2.63%		
Good	(3)	2	5.26%		
Very Good	(4)	7	18.42%		
Excellent	(5)	28	73.68%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
38/52 (73.08%)	4.63	0.71	5.00

8 - Instructor: Approachability

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.89
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	1	2.63%		
Very Good	(4)	2	5.26%		
Excellent	(5)	35	92.11%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
38/52 (73.08%)	4.89	0.39	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	10.53%		
Excellent	(5)	34	89.47%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
38/52 (73.08%)	4.89	0.31	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)	30	88.24%		1.12
No	(2)	4	11.76%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
34/52 (65.38%)	1.12	0.33	1.00

11 - If so, please explain why

Yongwhan Lim

Response Rate	22/52 (42.31%)

• 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 suecess!

• 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.
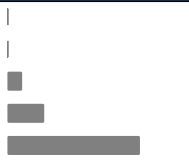
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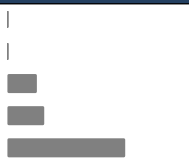
12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.64
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	2	8.00%		
Very Good	(4)	5	20.00%		
Excellent	(5)	18	72.00%		

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25/52 (48.08%)	4.64	0.64	5.00
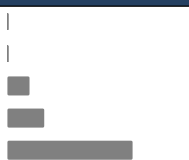
12 - Overall Quality

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.48
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	4	16.00%		
Very Good	(4)	5	20.00%		
Excellent	(5)	16	64.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
25/52 (48.08%)	4.48	0.77	5.00
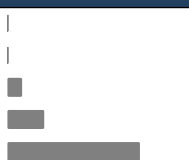
12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.56
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	6	12.00%		
Very Good	(4)	10	20.00%		
Excellent	(5)	34	68.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.56	0.70	5.00

13 - Knowledgeability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.64
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	2	8.00%		
Very Good	(4)	5	20.00%		
Excellent	(5)	18	72.00%		

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13 - Knowledgeability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.48
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	4	16.00%		
Very Good	(4)	5	20.00%		
Excellent	(5)	16	64.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
25/52 (48.08%)	4.48	0.77	5.00

13 - Knowledgeability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.56
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	6	12.00%		
Very Good	(4)	10	20.00%		
Excellent	(5)	34	68.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.56	0.70	5.00

14 - Approachability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.60
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	3	12.00%		
Very Good	(4)	4	16.00%		
Excellent	(5)	18	72.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
25/52 (48.08%)	4.60	0.71	5.00

14 - Approachability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.44
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	5	20.00%		
Very Good	(4)	4	16.00%		
Excellent	(5)	16	64.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
25/52 (48.08%)	4.44	0.82	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%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.52
Good	(3)	8	16.00%		
Very Good	(4)	8	16.00%		
Excellent	(5)	34	68.00%		

Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median
		4.52	0.76	5.00

15 - Availability
Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		4.58
Good	(3)	3	12.50%		
Very Good	(4)	4	16.67%		
Excellent	(5)	17	70.83%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
24/52 (46.15%)	4.58	0.72	5.00

15 - Availability
Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	1	4.00%		4.40
Good	(3)	4	16.00%		
Very Good	(4)	4	16.00%		
Excellent	(5)	16	64.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
25/52 (48.08%)	4.40	0.91	5.00

15 - Availability
Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	1	2.04%		4.49
Good	(3)	7	14.29%		
Very Good	(4)	8	16.33%		
Excellent	(5)	33	67.35%		

Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median
		4.49	0.82	5.00

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16 - Communication
Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.64
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	2	8.00%		
Very Good	(4)	5	20.00%		
Excellent	(5)	18	72.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
25/52 (48.08%)	4.64	0.64	5.00

16 - Communication
Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.48
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	4	16.00%		
Very Good	(4)	5	20.00%		
Excellent	(5)	16	64.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
25/52 (48.08%)	4.48	0.77	5.00

16 - Communication
Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.56
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	6	12.00%		
Very Good	(4)	10	20.00%		
Excellent	(5)	34	68.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.56	0.70	5.00

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

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Yes	(1)	20	80.00%		
No	(2)	0	0.00%		1.40
N/A	(3)	5	20.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
25/52 (48.08%)	1.40	0.82	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	80.00%		
No	(2)	1	4.00%		1.36
N/A	(3)	4	16.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
25/52 (48.08%)	1.36	0.76	1.00

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

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Yes	(1)	40	80.00%		
No	(2)	1	2.00%		1.38
N/A	(3)	9	18.00%		

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	1.38	0.78	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!