

# 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:** 32/52 (61.54 %)

### 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	12.50%					
Very Good	(4)	7	21.88%					
Excellent	(5)	21	65.63%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
32/52 (61.54%)				4.53		0.72		5.00

### 2 - Course: Appropriateness of Workload

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	3.13%					
Good	(3)	3	9.38%					
Very Good	(4)	5	15.63%					
Excellent	(5)	23	71.88%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
32/52 (61.54%)				4.56		0.80		5.00

### 3 - Course: Fairness of Grading Process

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	3.13%					
Good	(3)	1	3.13%					
Very Good	(4)	5	15.63%					
Excellent	(5)	25	78.13%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
32/52 (61.54%)				4.69		0.69		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	6.25%					
Very Good	(4)	4	12.50%					
Excellent	(5)	26	81.25%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
32/52 (61.54%)				4.75		0.57		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%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Very Good	(4)	6	18.75%					
Excellent	(5)	26	81.25%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
<b>Response Rate</b>				<b>Mean</b>	<b>STD</b>	<b>Median</b>		
32/52 (61.54%)				4.81	0.40	5.00		

### 7 - Instructor: Classroom Delivery

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	3.13%					
Good	(3)	2	6.25%					
Very Good	(4)	7	21.88%					
Excellent	(5)	22	68.75%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
<b>Response Rate</b>				<b>Mean</b>	<b>STD</b>	<b>Median</b>		
32/52 (61.54%)				4.56	0.76	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	3.13%					
Very Good	(4)	2	6.25%					
Excellent	(5)	29	90.63%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
<b>Response Rate</b>				<b>Mean</b>	<b>STD</b>	<b>Median</b>		
32/52 (61.54%)				4.88	0.42	5.00		


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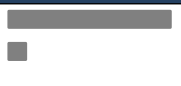
### 9 - Instructor: Overall Quality

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	12.50%	■				
Excellent	(5)	28	87.50%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
32/52 (61.54%)				4.88		0.34		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)	25	89.29%	■				
No	(2)	3	10.71%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
28/52 (53.85%)				1.11		0.31		1.00

### 11 - If so, please explain why

Yongwhan Lim

Response Rate	17/52 (32.69%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yongwhan has always been very approachable, friendly, and helpful.</li> <li>• The professor is really knowledgeable in the area he is teaching.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Learned a lot from him!</li> <li>• Prof. Lim is very nice and patient. He gave me a lot of help during my learning journey.</li> <li>• He is so helpful and spent a lot of time on helping students.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• He is a beast!</li> <li>• The most responsible professor ever. So nice and patient, and willing to stand at the students' perspective. I highly recommend his courses.</li> <li>• Very helpful and knowledgeable.</li> <li>• The nicest professor I've ever met. He cares a lot about his student. He listens opinions of his students and improve his course.</li> <li>• 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,</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• Professor is soooo nice!</li> <li>• He is really generous and warm-hearted. He truly care about our career success!</li> </ul>	

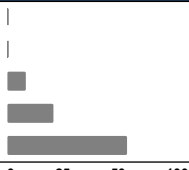
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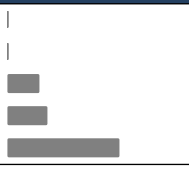
### 12 - Overall Quality

**Akhil Ravipati**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.55		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	2	10.00%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	25.00%	■				
Excellent	(5)	13	65.00%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
20/52 (38.46%)				4.55		0.69		5.00

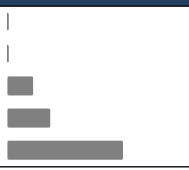
### 12 - Overall Quality

**Brian Paick**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.43		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	17.39%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	21.74%	■				
Excellent	(5)	14	60.87%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
23/52 (44.23%)				4.43		0.79		5.00

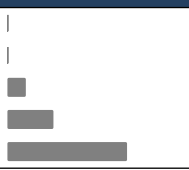
### 12 - Overall Quality

**Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.49		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	6	13.95%	■				
Very Good	(4)	10	23.26%	■				
Excellent	(5)	27	62.79%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.49		0.74		5.00

### 13 - Knowledgeability

**Akhil Ravipati**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.55		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	2	10.00%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	25.00%	■				
Excellent	(5)	13	65.00%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
20/52 (38.46%)				4.55		0.69		5.00

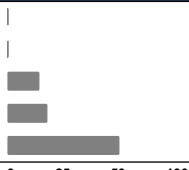
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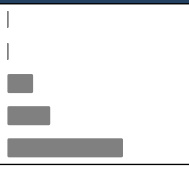
### 13 - Knowledgeability

**Brian Paick**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			<div>4.43</div>		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	17.39%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	21.74%	■				
Excellent	(5)	14	60.87%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
23/52 (44.23%)				4.43		0.79		5.00

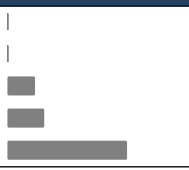
### 13 - Knowledgeability

**Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			<div>4.49</div>		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	6	13.95%	■				
Very Good	(4)	10	23.26%	■				
Excellent	(5)	27	62.79%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.49		0.74		5.00

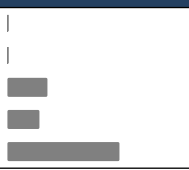
### 14 - Approachability

**Akhil Ravipati**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			<div>4.50</div>		
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

### 14 - Approachability

**Brian Paick**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			<div>4.39</div>		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	21.74%	■				
Very Good	(4)	4	17.39%	■				
Excellent	(5)	14	60.87%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
23/52 (44.23%)				4.39		0.84		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%					
Good	(3)	8	18.60%					
Very Good	(4)	8	18.60%					
Excellent	(5)	27	62.79%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.44		0.80		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	15.79%					
Very Good	(4)	4	21.05%					
Excellent	(5)	12	63.16%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
19/52 (36.54%)				4.47		0.77		5.00

### 15 - Availability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	4.35%					
Good	(3)	4	17.39%					
Very Good	(4)	4	17.39%					
Excellent	(5)	14	60.87%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
23/52 (44.23%)				4.35		0.93		5.00

### 15 - Availability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	2.38%					
Good	(3)	7	16.67%					
Very Good	(4)	8	19.05%					
Excellent	(5)	26	61.90%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.40		0.86		5.00

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### 16 - Communication

**Akhil Ravipati**

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	2	10.00%					
Very Good	(4)	5	25.00%					
Excellent	(5)	13	65.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
20/52 (38.46%)				4.55		0.69		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	17.39%					
Very Good	(4)	5	21.74%					
Excellent	(5)	14	60.87%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
23/52 (44.23%)				4.43		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)	6	13.95%					
Very Good	(4)	10	23.26%					
Excellent	(5)	27	62.79%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.49		0.74		5.00

### 17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

**Akhil Ravipati**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	16	80.00%					
No	(2)	0	0.00%					
N/A	(3)	4	20.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
20/52 (38.46%)				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)	19	82.61%					
No	(2)	1	4.35%					
N/A	(3)	3	13.04%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
23/52 (44.23%)				1.30		0.70		1.00

### 17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

**Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	35	81.40%					
No	(2)	1	2.33%					
N/A	(3)	7	16.28%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				1.35		0.75		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"> <li>&lt;3</li> <li>Good!</li> </ul>	

### 18 - Comments

**Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick**

Response Rate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;3</li> <li>Good!</li> </ul>	