Design Implications

* Accommodate for subsets of individual differences in class considerations/preferences
* Provide background information of students who are writing the review
* Have quantitative and qualitative parts of a review
* Provide motivators for writing reviews

Brainstorming ideas

1. Allow reviews to be filtered by feature
2. Suggestions for reviews : “comment on professor’s teaching style”, workload?, how to succeed, etc.
3. Option for liking/disliking reviews
4. Option for commenting on reviews
5. Provide a way to share documents
6. Way to ask professor about what you can share
7. Section for sharing tips or tricks about classes
8. Information on grade received in course of the reviewer
9. To start using the app, someone has to submit 2 reviews (unless first year or transfer)
10. Ability to make profiles
11. Background on learning style, major, etc.
12. Show the date of review
13. Main statistics at top of app homepage
14. Average rating shown next to name of class
15. Average grade received in class near the top
16. People can check off on their profile what “class features” they’re interested in
17. Tags or categories visualized at the top of the review
18. Indicator to show statistical strength of quantitative ratings (e.g. red if very few reviewers, green if more reviewers)
19. Require include instructor of course in review
20. Awards for achieving a certain number of likes on your review
21. Have people fill out background information about themselves when they make a profile
22. Background info on a person working style
23. Different color themes for the app
24. Being able to see more information if you are a review writer
25. Sorting reviews by department on home part of interface
26. Sorting reviews by class level (undergrad, graduate)
27. Sorting reviews by program requirements/liberal education requirements
28. Sorting reviews by average rating
29. Put a link to ScheduleBuilder for the course
30. Let people create schedules on the app
31. Let people save classes to their own thing
32. Allow people to rate difficulty level on the review
33. Visualize background information on the review
34. Reviewers should explain why they took a class
35. Make certain fields optional on a review to make writing easier
36. Certain descriptive fields are still required so there are words in the review
37. Link to Reddit for class info
38. Link to rate my professor for class info
39. Review can include student’s impression of class composition, especially for grad students
40. Indicator on the class and review to show what semesters the class is offered
41. Enable friending between user profiles
42. Include icons for different areas of study (e.g. STEM)
43. Allow people to make profile pictures
44. Q&A platform for asking questions about classes
45. Allow people to follow certain reviewers
46. There is a way to contact a reviewer to ask about their review (e.g. DMing)
47. Make awarded reviewers visibly indicated on the review
48. Put most-liked reviews at the top
49. Sort reviews for a class by certain criteria
50. People can use their rewards to buy stuff
51. Users get awards for writing a lot of reviews
52. Indication of average GPA of the reviewer on the reviewer (if they want to show it)
53. People can say in the review what grade they got in a class
54. Rating a review by different characteristics
55. You can upvote or downvote comments on a review
56. People can say how much time they spent on a class per week in the review
57. Option to share the review with a link
58. Bookmark, star, or save reviews
59. Organize saved reviews by self-defined categories
60. Highlighting on home page the classes with the most reviews
61. Highlighting most-liked classes in a section/list
62. Highlighting most-disliked classes in a section/list
63. Send reviews to other people in the app
64. Include courses you’ve taken on the student’s background profile
65. Including on profile what you care most about getting out of a class (e.g. grade, interest)
66. Include attach feature in DMS to enable attaching syllabus/documents
67. Quote of the day from a review can be highlighted on homepage or profile
68. Suggest friends on the app to users who have similar/overlapping background profiles
69. Suggest friends to people who have written reviews for the same class
70. Include summary of class from ScheduleBuilder (official school course description)
71. Sharing hobbies/interests on profile
72. Recommend a class to friends or followers
73. You can only make friends on the app if you write reviews
74. Certain features become unlocked if you write more reviews
75. Unlocked features can contain customizing profile
76. Can send virtual presents to reviewers that you like
77. Top reviewers get presents
78. Allow the option to review as a guest user
79. For guest reviews make sure to display lack of information saliently
80. If reading reviews as a guest you can only see certain features
81. Highlighted classes are only available to those who have profiles
82. Let professors to make profiles on the app
83. Professors can respond to reviews or comments for the class
84. Professors can post syllabus to the class
85. Verify professors on professor profile
86. Allow student users to be anonymous
87. Create username to remain anon while giving background information
88. Users can filter who can see their background info, including for professors
89. Verify user identity using real info but don’t display this in the app
90. Encourage or prompt people who write more concrete reviews
91. Provide questions for reviewers when they don’t know what to write
92. Have a mod for the board to manage potentially inappropriate information
93. Be able to ban reviewers
94. Disable mentioning students of classes by name in the review
95. Give warnings to people who wrote inappropriate reviews and let them see this on their profile
96. Send notifications at the end of classes to remind/prompt users to write reviews
97. Send notifications shortly before the registration period to remind/encourage users to check out reviews
98. Allow live streaming to answer questions or talk about a class live
99. Clubhouse audio -- interactive podcast thing for anonymous discussion of a class
100. Top reviewers are nominated to become potential moderators for the review platform