

User Persona



Sally Smith
A second-year
computer science
student at UVA

Key Attribute

Punctual

Out of state
student

Efficient

Short Description

Do it right the first
time

Measure twice, cut
one

Is often insecure
about making the
wrong choice

Needs

A way to tell which
classes to see and
avoid

Save time during
registration

Confidence in
course choices

Challenges

Needs some way
to understand
courses at UVA

Will often get
overwhelmed

A general distrust of UVA
academic advisor resources

Opportunities

The ability to compare multiple things would be
interesting

The ability to visualize classes and put
greater meaning behind the somewhat
esoteric terms used to describe courses

Contextualizing what is a bad and good
professor on a relative basis

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Jim
Uva professor of law

Key Attribute

Punctual

Likes running

Professor

Short Description

Uva Professor of law, but hobbyist philosopher on the meaning of the “A” in “UVA”

Needs

A way to understand why students give him the course reviews he gets

Some knowledge of how to update education based on a changing world

Challenges

Students will often bias their results to what suits them

Does not want to just give good grades and little work to get better course reviews

Figuring out what the “A” means

Opportunities

Educating on how students review courses and how students think about course reviews

Thinking about how the course curriculum has shifted over the years

How does one instructor “stack” up to others in their department?