Columbia University: School of Engineering
Fall 2025 SEAS Final Evaluation

Course: COMSW4995_007_2025_3 - TOPICS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Instructor: Jae Lee,Hans Montero *
TA: Shriya Mahakala,Julien Remy
Response Rate: 13/39 (33.33 %)

1 - Course: Amount Learned

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.77
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	1	7.69%		
Very Good	(4)	1	7.69%		
Excellent	(5)	11	84.62%		
				0 25 50 100	Question

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
13/39 (33.33%)	4.77	0.60	5.00

2 - Course: Appropriateness of Workload

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.46
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	2	15.38%		
Very Good	(4)	3	23.08%		
Excellent	(5)	8	61.54%		
				0 25 50 100	Question

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
13/39 (33.33%)	4.46	0.78	5.00

3 - Course: Fairness of Grading Process

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.31
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	3	23.08%		
Very Good	(4)	3	23.08%		
Excellent	(5)	7	53.85%		
				0 25 50 100	Question

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
13/39 (33.33%)	4.31	0.85	5.00

4 - Course: Overall Quality

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.46
Fair	(2)	1	7.69%		
Good	(3)	1	7.69%		
Very Good	(4)	2	15.38%		
Excellent	(5)	9	69.23%		
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5 - Enter any additional comments here

Response Rate	4/39 (10.26%)

• Phenomenal class--Hans is a gem in the CS department. If you are at all interested in systems programing or C++ TAKE THIS CLASS!

• I highly recommend taking this course. If you know C, this course is the perfect stepping stone into C++. You will learn so much about the design of the language and design of modern programming languages through learning about C++. The homework are amazing although there is a big leap in difficulty between HW4 and HW5 so beware. Go to all the lectures, Hans and Jae are amazing lecturers and incredible people. They are both passionate about systems; they designed the course from scratch with not many references and it is impressive to see how much I was able to learn this semester.

• Fire course, 100% worth it

• The Exam 1 (midterm) given for this class for this semester was nowhere near comparable to the Exam 1 (Midterm) given for the class last semester during the Spring 2025 semester. Courses are expected to have consistent content and difficulty across the semesters, and the practice exams given to students this semester was not adequate to prepare them for the exam. Rather than assess students' knowledge of the questions, the exam seemed to assess students' ability to parse through ridiculously long questions. The questions should be more direct in nature, or at least mirror past exam questions in their style and expectation.

6 - Instructor: Organization and Preparation

Hans Montero

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.69
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Very Good	(4)	4	30.77%		
Excellent	(5)	9	69.23%		
				0 25 50 100	Instructor

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
13/39 (33.33%)	4.69	0.48	5.00

7 - Instructor: Classroom Delivery

Hans Montero

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.77
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	1	7.69%		
Very Good	(4)	1	7.69%		
Excellent	(5)	11	84.62%		
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8 - Instructor: Approachability

Hans Montero

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.77
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Very Good	(4)	3	23.08%		
Excellent	(5)	10	76.92%		
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13/39 (33.33%)	4.77	0.44	5.00

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9 - Instructor: Overall Quality

Hans Montero

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10 - Would you nominate this professor for the SEAS Distinguished Faculty Award?

Hans Montero

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Yes	(1)	7	77.78%		1.22
No	(2)	2	22.22%		
				0 25 50 100	Instructor

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
9/39 (23.08%)	1.22	0.44	1.00

11 - If so, please explain why

Hans Montero

Response Rate	4/39 (10.26%)

- Hans is a great professor, super welcoming, digestible, and easy to approach. He communicates the material in a phenomenal way and keeps his lectures lighthearted. He is the only professor whose lectures I enjoy attending. He has been like this in every class I've taken with him and I highly recommend him for this award.
- Banana
- down to earth, fresh switch from all the other tired uncarings profs
- He's incredibly relatable and has a talent for presenting C++ concepts in a way that feels practical and connected to real-world software engineering. His ability to tie abstract topics to industry applications made the material more engaging and helped me understand why the concepts matter beyond the classroom.

12 - Overall Quality

Julien Remy

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Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
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Excellent	(5)	6	66.67%		
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Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
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12 - Overall Quality

Shriya Mahakala

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.83
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Very Good	(4)	1	16.67%		
Excellent	(5)	5	83.33%		
				0 25 50 100	TA

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
6/39 (15.38%)	4.83	0.41	5.00

12 - Overall Quality

Julien Remy, Shriya Mahakala

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		4.60
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Good	(3)	2	13.33%		
Very Good	(4)	2	13.33%		
Excellent	(5)	11	73.33%		
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Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.60	0.74	5.00

13 - Knowledgeability

Julien Remy

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14 - Approachability

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16 - Communication

Julien Remy

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Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	4.60	0.74	5.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Julien Remy

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Yes	(1)	9	100.00%		
No	(2)	0	0.00%		1.00
N/A	(3)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	TA

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
9/39 (23.08%)	1.00	0.00	1.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Shriya Mahakala

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Yes	(1)	6	100.00%		
No	(2)	0	0.00%		1.00
N/A	(3)	0	0.00%		
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17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

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Yes	(1)	15	100.00%		
No	(2)	0	0.00%		1.00
N/A	(3)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	TA

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
	1.00	0.00	1.00

18 - Comments

Julien Remy

Response Rate	2/39 (5.13%)

- Golden Child TA
- the best TA of all time

18 - Comments

Shriya Mahakala

Response Rate	1/39 (2.56%)

- Shriya was super helpful and friendly!

18 - Comments

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