

Selected Comments of Students

Spring 2016 CSE 6512 Randomization in Computing (UConn)

- ★ *“Very knowledgeable in his field.thanks”*
- ★ *“I enjoyed how Dr. Raj is able to instruct without notes and or preparing slides, and he is able to instruct very well and is knowledgeable about algorithms. It felt like an honor to be in his class and learn from such insight.”*
- ★ *“Overall is very good.”*
- ★ *“This course is rigorous but important in developing an algorithms background.”*
- ★ *“Prepared well.”*

Fall 2015 CSE 3500 Algorithms and Complexity (UConn)

- ★ *“He stimulated interest in algorithms and provided clear explanations of each algorithm.”*
- ★ *“Clearly very knowledgeable, thorough answers to all questions”*
- ★ *“The instructor is very respectful to his students and has a true passion for the subject. I felt very comfortable as a student of Dr. Rajasekaran.”*
- ★ *“Clear material laid out in a way to foster learning and understanding.”*
- ★ *“Very passionate about the subject. Very accessible and a nice guy.”*
- ★ *“This professor is very knowledgeable in this subject, hard to find something he does not know.”*
- ★ *“Raj is one of the most organized, well spoken, and intelligent professors I’ve had. He presents the material so clearly and is very easy to follow along with.”*
- ★ *“Good lecturing!”*
- ★ *“Very knowledgeable about subject area”*
- ★ *“Your handwriting was large and legible, speech was loud and clear, assignments straightforward. Honestly there are no complaints. Thank you for an enjoyable class in which I actually learned something.”*
- ★ *“The lectures were very clear and each topic was taught very well. As someone who struggled a lot with Data Structures and Algorithms, I thought I wouldn’t do well in this course. However, this ended up being one of my favorites and I understood everything fairly well.”*
- ★ *“Professor Raj is a genius. This is the first time a lot of simple algorithm and data structure concepts were explained in a class and I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD IT!!!!!!! He is able to transcend his intelligence very well to his students.”*
- ★ *“Thoroughly explained concepts. Made them easier to digest”*
- ★ *“Raj was extremely knowledgeable about the subject and answered questions very adequately.”*
- ★ *“This course was very difficult and I think that professor Raj taught it the best way possible. I learned a lot about algorithms from this course.”*
- ★ *“Learned a lot, great prof”*
- ★ *“This course was one of the most challenging I’ve taken so far, but I’ve learned so much and assessment of understanding is very fair.”*
- ★ *“Raj was a great professor and the material he was covering was fairly hard to understand so he did a great job in that aspect.”*

Spring 2015 CSE 6512 Randomization in Computing (UConn)

- ★ *“taught each and every topic in details and in a more clear way”*
- ★ *“The instructor taught us some famous theories developed by himself. He is very knowledgeable so the course is very interesting. And the instructor has passion on what he taught us.”*
- ★ *“The algorithms are presented by hand-writing step by step, which is very helpful for us to understand them.”*

- ★ *“Prof. Raj has a really deep understanding of the course and can explain the idea in a great and clear way.”*
- ★ *“Course materials are very useful not only in algorithms/computing but also equip me with problem solving skills using randomization approach. And it inspires me how to think about problems.”*
- ★ *“Although this course is pretty difficult, it’s interesting.”*
- ★ *“Great course and great professor.”*
- ★ *“Very helpful. Instructor asks questions timely to check that students understand every step.”*

Fall 2014 CSE 3500 Algorithms and Complexity (UConn)

- ★ *“Dr. Raj is without a doubt one of the best professors I’ve had the pleasure to take a course with while at UConn. He is clearly intensely interested and passionate about algorithms, and he projects this on his students. I found myself pulled into the algorithms he was teaching, in a sense. In fact, I actually found myself enjoying algorithms, and am possibly considering studying them in a graduate program.”*
- ★ *“Responded very well to student questions. Very reasonable in regards to assignments”*
- ★ *“He was very thorough and organized. It was impressive that he used no notes while teaching the class; it showed that he knew the information completely and was well-versed in the course material. He always asked if we had any questions and was very helpful whenever students had problems.”*
- ★ *“The lectures were excellent. Professor Rajasekaran’s extensive familiarity with the material meant that he didn’t need to rely on a textbook, meaning that we received all the material directly in class.”*
- ★ *“He seemed like he enjoyed the topic and presented everything in a clear manner”*
- ★ *“He was very clear in his presentation and is very knowledgeable in the subject material.”*
- ★ *“Doing all of the problems out on the board was very helpful and having us do the exams outside of class was helpful as well because we got more time to do them.”*
- ★ *“The most positive aspect? It is not possible to select just one aspect. Rajasekaran is an exceptional person/professor. By far this is the best professor I have ever had at UCONN. Extremely organized, knows the subject, passionate, excellent method of teaching, graded homework’s and exams fast, interesting problems and the list goes on. This might seem like an exaggerated response but Raj deserves only but the best review. I cannot express how grateful I am that I took this class with him.”*
- ★ *“I had such a great experience with this class that he just sparked something in me. Very inspirational person, and even though he is extremely smart, he treats everyone nicely and with respect.”*
- ★ *“Thank you professor Raj for everything, keep up the good work and I wish you only but the best.”*
- ★ *“The most positive aspect of this class was the instructor’s approach-ability. I seldom see instructors, especially in the CSE department, who are readily available outside of office hours (if they even give office hours). This instructor was always available and always extremely helpful. He has a passion for this subject and for helping students learn and I was glad to be in the class.”*
- ★ *“Clear and concise explanations of concepts.”*
- ★ *“Dr, Rajasekaran’s passion for the subject matter was shown clearly through his teaching and made class joy to attend. The material was difficult at times but the enthusiasm and rigor with which it was taught made me learn more than I have in previous courses.”*
- ★ *“Raj is the best professor I’ve ever had! He is extremely knowledgeable and teaches the material very clearly. He asks engaging questions to make sure you’re paying attention during lecture. The homeworks and exams are always graded quickly and fairly. This class was challenging, but I’ve learned so much, and it was a great experience overall.”*

- ★ *“It’s hard to rank the positive aspects of Raj’s teaching because, frankly, they were all positive. But if I had to choose, I would say that Raj had a spectacular way with words, and his lectures left an impact on me that extends beyond academia. Raj had an incredible method of just waltzing into the room and immediately delving into the subject of the day, without need for slides or notes. He would effortlessly explore algorithms in impressive detail and incredible clarity. With a wave of his fingers and a joke or two, Raj instilled us all with the same passion and knowledge that he himself expresses.”*
- ★ *“I always looked forward to one of Raj’s lectures. He always came in knowing exactly what he would teach, and taught the material in a clear and understandable manner. I really enjoyed having difficult homework with lots of hints along the way.”*
- ★ *“I came into this course with some apprehension, but Dr. Raj made even the most complex algorithms intuitive and accessible. He was consistently prepared for class and demonstrated remarkable understanding of the material. Raj was a brilliant educator.”*
- ★ *“The lecture notes were amazing. Raj is actually the best professor I have had at UConn.”*
- ★ *“Professor Rajasekaran clearly loves what he does and it shows just in the way he presents the material to the class. I love the way he would introduce every concept with a real life example. It demonstrates the reason why we are learning it in the first place. He then would walk the class through an algorithm in a way that is easy to understand and follow. The work is hard but the key takeaway of the class is to have a deeper appreciation of the material which I can personally say he succeeded in doing so.”*
 - ★ *“Always willing to help, and extremely knowledgable”*
- ★ *“Raj was very clear with most of the material he presented, and was good at helping outside of class as well.”*
- ★ *“Professor Raj, is the best professor I ever have had. He explained every concept very well, and he was always there to answer any question through out the semester. Thank You!”*
 - ★ *“Raj is extremely professional and knows how to explain this stuff in a clear manner.”*
 - ★ *“Demonstrated incredible knowledge of the material.”*
- ★ *“Raj was very excited about the material and it came through when he taught. He knew the material off the top of his head and never faltered when asked for further explanation.”*
- ★ *“Very thorough and rigorous proofing of subject matter. Went into material that the algorithms book, which seems to be THE algorithms primer of the community, did not cover, like parallel applications, which is becoming more and more important due to the state of technology.”*
- ★ *“Professor Raj kept us entertained while teaching at the same time. A rarity with professors.”*
- ★ *“He had a very clear and strong passion for the course’s topic and was willing to work with the students to make times work for exams. He was also great about going over and clarifying lecture topics.”*
 - ★ *“Nothing. His teaching cannot be improved. Instead of just reading power points, Raj was always involved and kept the class engaged. Great role model.”*
- ★ *“No complaints. The exams were extremely challenging and sometimes may not have reflected how well I knew the material but they were fun as a problem solving exercise.”*
- ★ *“I think Professor Rajasekaran has a really effective method of teaching this course, I cannot think of anything that would improve his teaching effectiveness. He answered questions on the spot and will take his time to explain a concept if he sees the class is having a hard time understanding it.”*
 - ★ *“Very interesting course content - something I did not readily understand intuitively, and a subject for which critical thinking is better than simple memorization.”*
 - ★ *“This course prepares students to utilize the theory behind algorithmic complexity. It exposes them to algorithms commonly used in many fields of computing and does so thoroughly.”*
 - ★ *“The structure of the course was excellent, topics were connected in a fashion that it made it easy to learn. His notes are excellent and easy to follow as well.”*

- ★ *“great course, very difficult material but taught well”*
- ★ *“Though I just barely stayed awake for the majority of the lectures (a problem that I’ve had for all of my classes), I still feel like I’ve learned a good amount from this course.”*
 - ★ *“Great course. Enjoyed it.”*
- ★ *“The course was fun. It may have been the only class for which I really enjoyed taking exams.”*
- ★ *“Asking what Raj could do to improve his teaching effectiveness is like asking what Mozart could do to improve his symphonies. The answer is nothing.”*

Spring 2014 CSE 5095 Topics in Big Data Analytics (UConn)

- ★ *“He is very knowledgeable professor. I amaze how he teaches this course purely from his memory. He is so humble and smart.”*
 - ★ *“Very clear explanation of each topic and providing organized class notes”*
- ★ *“The instructor gave a nice review in the areas that were background for the course topics as well as made the course project an integral part of the learning.”*
 - ★ *“The course materials, its organization and above all the style of teaching is excellent.”*
- ★ *“Professor Raj is a great professor, and by far one of the best I have ever had. His passion for the subject shines through each and every lecture and his examples and simplistic ways in which he presents confusing material makes it easy to learn difficult concepts.”*
 - ★ *“The instructor took the time to explain everything, while keeping a good pace during the semester”*
 - ★ *“The instructor was very effective and should teach more advanced topics soon!”*

Fall 2013 CSE 5500 Advanced Sequential and Parallel Algorithms (UConn)

- ★ *“He likes what he teaches and he is fully knowledged in the area”*
- ★ *“Professor Raj. is awesome. He always support students in class by effective ways. Many questions/answers in class, hints for homework but not solution. give us the motivation to learn.”*
 - ★ *“He makes us think on the new problems”*
- ★ *“The instructor was very knowledgeable about the course. I liked that about him and how it was presented.”*
 - ★ *“My grades - I thought I’d fail, but the grading was fair and adjusted to the others.”*
 - ★ *“The exam problems were very nice.”*
 - ★ *“The material I learned from this class will be helpful in graduate school.”*
 - ★ *“The hardest course I’ve ever had”*
 - ★ *“It was a good course.”*

Spring 2013 CSE 3500 Algorithms and Complexity (UConn)

- ★ *“That he walked through every algorithm”*
- ★ *“Raj was pretty no-nonsense. He covers what he needs to cover when he needs to cover it and does so with generally understandable notes.”*
- ★ *“Raj was always ready to go when he got to class, and he always was more than willing to accept questions (probably sometimes a little too willing). His exams were challenging but not impossible, and he fostered genuine interest in the subject. Basically he did a great job.”*
 - ★ *“He is a very knowledgeable professor and will explain everything to you in a lot of detail. He also cares about his students a lot and grades fairly based on how the class is doing. Overall, one of the best professors I had!”*
 - ★ *“Professor was very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the subject”*
- ★ *“Dr. Raj is the best professor I have had at uconn. I learned all materials from his class notes without opening the book. he also strengthened my understanding of other classes.”*

- ★ *“I like that he didn’t use powerpoints. It is immediately obvious that he enjoys the topics and knows them extremely well.”*
- ★ *“Professor wrote on the board and interacted and explained everything clearly.”*
- ★ *“He taught everything on the fly. any questions we had were answered clearly and easily. hands down the best professor I have ever had.”*
- ★ *“Presented challenging material in an extremely clear and helpful manner. He’s clearly a very smart man as well. Always was willing to answer students’ questions.”*
 - ★ *“Very well prepared, clear, and effective use of time.”*
- ★ *“Dr. Raj was amazing! I love how knowledgeable he is on the material. He teaches purely from his memory, which I personally think shows just how much he knows about the material. His lectures are clear and concise. I’ve learned so much just from his notes alone. Plus he is always very helpful outside of the classroom if there’s something that I don’t quite understand.”*
 - ★ *“Instructor was infectiously enthusiastic. Patient and approachable.”*
- ★ *“Explanations of everything, while providing examples made the class much more immersive and worth going to. In other classes the professor often reads off of slides without doing much else.”*
 - ★ *“He was very accommodating to people asking questions in class. He gave good hints for the homework, and graded fairly. Also had, like, the more soothing voice ever. He should work at NPR or something.”*
 - ★ *“This is the best professor at the university.”*
 - ★ *“the way he taught it was quite awesome as is.”*
 - ★ *“Dr. Raj is already great!”*
- ★ *“This was an amazing course, I’ve learned a lot on algorithms and a lot of the material was very interesting and exciting to learn! Thank you for an awesome semester Dr. Raj!!!”*
 - ★ *“Your class notes are fantastic.”*
 - ★ *“Stay classy. once again, best professor ever.”*
 - ★ *“Great course, really enjoyed taking it.”*
- ★ *“Overall the course was great! It definitely exceeded my expectations.”*
- ★ *“Overall, great teaching approach/lectures. Attended all of them and enjoyed the class.”*
 - ★ *“Made a lot more sense than the first algorithms class I took.”*

Fall 2012 CSE 5500 Advanced Sequential and Parallel Algorithms (UConn)

- ★ *“He is the greatest. Everything helps us learn, even the tests.”*
- ★ *“Thank you so much. The material is so much more interesting than I had imagined.”*
 - ★ *“Very clear lectures and easy to follow lectures.”*
- ★ *“Professor’s understanding of topic is greatly displayed when he is able to change or come up with new examples on the fly to answer questions and clear up any confusions”*
 - ★ *“Thank you!”*
 - ★ *“Helpful for my research”*
 - ★ *“The best class I have ever attended.”*
 - ★ *“he is the man!”*
- ★ *“His boardwork is awesome. No question about grasp on the subject. TOO GOOD: INFANT THE BEST”*
 - ★ *“BEST CAN NOT BE IMPROVED”*
- ★ *“Enough material was covered to gain a deep appreciation for the design and proof of optimal and good enough algorithms.”*
 - ★ *“Raj is very knowledgeable and very patient”*
 - ★ *“Enjoyed the class!”*
 - ★ *“Professor has much experience in algorithm, I like him.”*
- ★ *“The algorithms I learned in this course are very useful for my future career.”*
 - ★ *“He covered lot of different algorithms which was very interesting.”*

- ★ *“It’s already excellent!”*
- ★ *“Very good course”*
- ★ *“Always Interested in teaching & Interacting with students. A Brilliant course to attend”*

Spring 2012 CSE 3500 Algorithms and Complexity (UConn)

- ★ *“Very clear explanations”*
- ★ *“Able to answer every question”*
- ★ *“Lots of examples. great teacher”*
- ★ *“Very concise and clear lectures”*
- ★ *“Good at explaining concepts”*
- ★ *“he was nice.”*
- ★ *“Always taught with a smile on his face and it made the class a little better. He definitely enjoys what he teaches.”*
- ★ *“Detailed notes and reasonable exams”*
- ★ *“Very knowledgeable.”*
- ★ *“Fantastic Professor”*
- ★ *“I really enjoyed this class. The examples were incredibly interesting & I enjoyed all of the algorithms we discussed”*
- ★ *“thanks for a great semester !”*
- ★ *“Well organized and clear even on difficult problems. Awesome teacher!”*
- ★ *“He always gave a ton of examples on the board.”*
- ★ *“Great teacher, really knowledgeable guy. Thanks!”*
- ★ *“I loved how every class he reviewed what we did the class before as a quick refresher.”*
- ★ *“Knows his stuff, doesn’t need notes to teach”*
- ★ *“Good job at explaining the algorithms”*
- ★ *“Rajasek is extremely competent at understanding the ideas to an extreme degree, while at the same time being able to clearly explain the topics to newcomers.”*

Fall 2011 CSE 6512 Randomization in Computing (UConn)

- ★ *“He is an excellent teacher. He never used hand-materials to teach in the class. Concept is very clear.”*
- ★ *“detailed explanation”*
- ★ *“I like the variety of algorithm topics.”*
- ★ *“He is the kind of prof I want to be”*
- ★ *“A wide range of randomized Alg”*
- ★ *“Thorough knowledge”*
- ★ *“Well organized, Effective presentation with lot’s of patience to help understand the concepts properly”*
- ★ *“Best lecture ever!”*
- ★ *“Very clever and well prepared.”*
- ★ *“HE NEVER USED NOTES. ALWAYS WILLING TO CLARIFY DOUBTS OF STUDENTS”*
- ★ *“Perfect understanding/expertise on the subject. Important material and thorough analysis ...”*

Spring 2011 CSE 5500 Complexity of Sequential and Parallel Algorithms (UConn)

- ★ *“very clear and effective”*
- ★ *“Explains the algorithms in an effective way”*
- ★ *“Very knowledgeable”*
- ★ *“Well explained. Interesting content.”*

- ★ *“He taught with strong insight of the material and engaged students”*
- ★ *“He understands the course very well, is well prepared, very welcoming for any questions, a really good professor.”*
- ★ *“He is great teacher”*
- ★ *“He teaches very well and clear – organized – listens well for all students.”*
- ★ *“It was very easy to contact professor both in & out class. He was very helpful.”*
- ★ *“–Excellent lectures always – Presented subject very clear – Explained subject very well & clear – Excellent professor ⇒ genius – Very admirable”*
- ★ *“Excellent teaching method always”*
- ★ *“Very clear, interesting”*
- ★ *“He is perfect”*

Fall 2010 CSE 3500 Algorithms and Complexity (UConn)

- ★ *“Very clear and organized”*
- ★ *“clearly explained/clarified confusing concepts.”*
- ★ *“Good course, Good teacher”*
- ★ *“Being open to questions and available to help.”*
- ★ *“Gives examples for each new subject”*
- ★ *“He knew what he was talking about.”*
- ★ *“He was organized and clarified assignments”*
- ★ *“Cares for students in the way that if we were unclear he would spend time Re-explaining it & Breaking the problem Down”*
- ★ *“Thoroughly explained all subjects.”*
- ★ *“Best professor since being at UCONN”*
- ★ *“I feel like I was able to take a lot away from this course.”*
- ★ *“Prof Raj is very knowledgeable in his field. Very helpful. Thought provoking home works”*
- ★ *“BEST CSE Prof. Would take again A++++”*
- ★ *“A very straight forward approach to teaching confusing material”*
- ★ *“Very nice guy!”*

Spring 2010 CSE 5500 Complexity of Sequential and Parallel Algorithms (UConn)

- ★ *“Prof. Rajasekaran did really motivate my interest in algorithms”*
- ★ *“Prof. Rajasekaran was very responsible and knowleegable. He is one of my favorite teacher ever since.”*
- ★ *“Very knowledgeable. Did not teach from notes.”*
- ★ *“The teaching is perfect.”*
- ★ *“The lectures include every subfield in algorithms and the content is very well organized and very clear.”*
- ★ *“His explanation are very explicit. All his lectures are well-prepared. He did very excellent job and benefits are a lot.”*
- ★ *“Very clear logic and good manner to questions”*
- ★ *“He is one of the best instructors I ever met. Very excellent teaching”*
- ★ *“Lectures well organized, presented clearly”*
- ★ *“The professor clearly explained algorithms and repeated or reexplained if there were any confusions”*
- ★ *“Very clear explanations”*
- ★ *“The material was covered in a comprehensive manner and everything was explained clearly.”*
- ★ *“Great professor I really enjoyed the class.”*

Fall 2009 CSE 3500 Algorithms and Complexity (UConn)

- ★ *“Raj was a great lecturer, he was very good at explaining the concepts of the course”*
 - ★ *“He knows everything so well, knowledge just absorbed into us.”*
 - ★ *“If algorithms were an art, raj would be the best artist of them all”*
- ★ *“Very thorough when it comes to answering questions in class. Provided useful guidance on homework problems.”*
- ★ *“He explains everything to me well. Even more difficult structures has been explained by him well”*
 - ★ *“The fact that he had everything memorized was impressive.”*
- ★ *“He always did a brief review from the previous class session. This helped reinforce the material.”*
 - ★ *“Very knoweldgable and helpful”*
 - ★ *“Amazing Professor. Very tough but I loved the course”*
- ★ *“Generally very thourough and complete in describing concepts.”*
- ★ *“The best teacher in the CSE department I have had so far.”*
 - ★ *“Did a very good job explaining complex algorithms.”*
 - ★ *“Great professor.”*
 - ★ *“Really knows his material. Knowledgable as hell.”*
 - ★ *“Great Professor!”*
 - ★ *“Used a lot of examples to explain concepts.”*
 - ★ *“You did a great job; Thanks Raj!”*
 - ★ *“Very clear, thorough explanations of materials”*
 - ★ *“He is a genius!”*

Spring 2009 CSE 5500 Complexity of Sequential and Parallel Algorithms (UConn)

- ★ *“Good presentation of difficult material!”*
 - ★ *“Very interesting”*
 - ★ *“He was well prepared”*
- ★ *“He can explain very well. ‘Raj is the best’ ”*
 - ★ *“No PPT. Just hand writtings”*
- ★ *“The concepts were explain in crystal clear manner.”*
- ★ *“Extremely knowledgable and shows great interest in the materials taught”*

Fall 2008 CSE 3500 Algorithms and Complexity (UConn)

- ★ *“DR. RAJ is the Best”*
 - ★ *“Raj is the man. He knows his algorithms.”*
- ★ *“Was able to answer any question we had, no matter how different”*
 - ★ *“Great professor. I would take him again given the chance”*
 - ★ *“Very clear notes went over all problems in detail”*
- ★ *“Great teacher, very hard topic to teach but still tried to make us understand”*
 - ★ *“– Well taught – Stimulated interest well”*
 - ★ *“He was very thorough in his explanations”*
 - ★ *“Every explanation was clear and Precise”*
 - ★ *“Dr. Rajasekaran is very knowledgable.”*
 - ★ *“Gave great explanations”*
- ★ *“I very much liked that the professor held a good amount of office hours and was very helpful and available during non-class time.”*
 - ★ *“He explained material thoroughly.”*
 - ★ *“Knew the material 100%. Could answer any question, ever”*

★ *“Great professor, hard class.”*

Spring 2008 CSE 361 Complexity of Sequential and Parallel Algorithms (UConn)

- ★ *“The way of teaching is ‘very good’ ”*
- ★ *“Interesting. Challenging. Best course for me so far.”*
- ★ *“Algorithms were made fun and easy to understand. This course is one of the best courses at UConn. Unfortunately this is my last semester. I’d have loved to take more courses by this professor. If I’m ever back for a phd, I’ll take more courses”*
 - ★ *“Its the best course in UConn!”*
- ★ *“Thank you for this course. I had almost forgotten some aspects from my undergrad days. This course clarified earlier doubts and refreshed my grasp of the topic. It is also very useful from job-interview perspective. Thank you”*
 - ★ *“Clear explanations of opaque topics.”*
 - ★ *“Great Learning Experience.”*
 - ★ *“Very clear and crisp explanation.”*
 - ★ *“Thanks. the course has been most helpful.”*
 - ★ *“I really enjoyed this class!”*
- ★ *“Very clear and organized lecture. I also like the notes, informative!”*
 - ★ *“I like the course very much!”*
- ★ *“Really clear & thorough lectures. Got material across very simply and never used or referred to notes.”*
- ★ *“He never uses notes, so he remembers all alg. and their founders+date, that is impressive. Slow but accurate teaching style suited for all amounts of previous knowledge. Friendly atmosphere.”*
 - ★ *“Very thorough presentation of topics.”*
- ★ *“All the algorithms described were very clear. The homeworks were very helpful to digest the material.”*
- ★ *“Very clear. from easy to hard gradually. the examples. so that easy to understand and remember firmly.”*

Fall 2007 CSE 254 Introduction to Discrete Systems (UConn)

- ★ *“Was very clear; gave good explanations”*
 - ★ *“Explained the topics well”*
 - ★ *“Very informative and very helpful”*
 - ★ *“Raj you were an amazing teacher!”*
- ★ *“Took difficult sections slow and explained everything very well”*
- ★ *“He was very organized and knowledgeable. He understood the complexity of each topic and allocated the correct time to explaining it”*
 - ★ *“Good Class!”*
- ★ *“Clear about what is expected; consistent teaching style; fast grader!”*
- ★ *“Very knowledgeable in book material, presented clearly & effectively”*
 - ★ *“Great class, I look forward to my next class with Raj”*
- ★ *“Clear, concise lectures, challenging exams, appropriate homework”*
- ★ *“I regret that I will not be learning from the Prof. any time in the near future”*
 - ★ *“Helpful to students”*
- ★ *“Very good reviews, exams contained no surprises! Perfectly happy to go into interesting tangents”*

Spring 2007 CSE 462 Randomized Algorithms (UConn)

- ★ *“Presenting the stuff really well”*
- ★ *“flexible, accessible, patient with students”*
- ★ *“He is very helpful and makes the class very interesting”*
- ★ *“Objectives of the course were clearly presented and many areas were stressed out”*
- ★ *“The most impressive thing is Prof. Rajasekaran’s seemingly effortless command of this difficult and complex material. He was also very available for student questions.”*
 - ★ *“Presented the ideas in an efficient manner.”*
 - ★ *“Professor is very knowledgeable, and patient.”*
 - ★ *“a different approach to algorithms.”*
 - ★ *“Clarified the importance of the materials taught.”*
 - ★ *“Presented the material in a clear & logical manner”*

Fall 2006 CSE 259 Algorithms and Complexity (UConn)

- ★ *“Very clear and concise on describing algorithms. Answers EVERY question that students have”*
 - ★ *“Overall, very nice job Raj!”*
 - ★ *“Raj is the man”*
 - ★ *“He knew everything extremely well and answer any questions immediately”*
 - ★ *“Excellent Professor”*
 - ★ *“Very thorough in explanations and answering questions”*
- ★ *“Very nice way of explaining hard concepts. Asks appropriate questions to see if students follow.”*
 - ★ *“clear and concise lectures”*
 - ★ *“Raj is a great lecturer”*
 - ★ *“He was very helpful and clarified concepts well.”*
 - ★ *“Really knowledgeable & explain things very well”*
 - ★ *“One of the best professors I’ve had”*
- ★ *“The instructor always gave very clear instructions on the assignments for the course, and was very helpful in/out of class”*
 - ★ *“overall it was a very well taught class”*
- ★ *“after many years of teaching it, the instructor still shows a great interest in the subject matter, it was a great class to take”*
 - ★ *“Answered any and all questions. Provided multiple examples and comprehensive notes.”*
 - ★ *“Nicely done for such dense material.”*
 - ★ *“Good attitude and very knowledgeable on subject matter”*
- ★ *“Raj was an expert on algorithms, and gave students every chance to learn the material. He was also very flexible and accommodating and presented course clearly.”*
 - ★ *“Very knowledgeable hard stuff taught”*
 - ★ *“Tough class taught by a good teacher”*
- ★ *“Prof. Raj was incredibly knowledgeable on the subject and taught in a clear and effective manner. The assignments were challenging, but fair. Raj’s style and attitude were perfect. Awesome class, all-around.”*
 - ★ *“Really, I can’t think of anything wrong with this course. It was great.”*
 - ★ *“gets the material across without beating it to death.”*

Spring 2006 CSE 300 Advanced Topics in Algorithms (UConn)

- ★ *“It was his approach to teaching. Explains everything on the Board. Very good approach to making the subject interesting.”*
 - ★ *“Excellent Teacher.”*

- ★ *“Its amazing to me how he remembers everything including the names of the authors for every proof & Theorem!!”*
 - ★ *“organized and clearly. Stimulated”*
- ★ *“Extensive amount of research articles were used. It helped to develop a great insight into the theory.”*
- ★ *“Dr. Raj deserves A+ for his capabilities inside & outside the class. His knowledge on the subject, friendly approach & willingness to help are unparalleled. He is SUPERB!”*
 - ★ *“Instructor on time - Willing to answer all questions - Organized”*
 - ★ *“He is very easy to access and thoughtful of his students.”*
 - ★ *“THANKS A LOT!”*

Fall 2005 CSE 361 Complexity of Sequential and Parallel Algorithms (UConn)

- ★ *“His patience and ability to explain stuff in a clear & concise manner”*
 - ★ *“Its perfect as is”*
 - ★ *“He’s the best.”*
- ★ *“He never brought in notes. He really knows his stuff. Liked him writing out everything on the board.”*
 - ★ *“The professor outstanding knowledge.”*
 - ★ *“Interesting examples. Strong relationship with the real world.”*
- ★ *“The instructor explained everything with relevant examples, which made the concepts very clear.”*
 - ★ *“Clearly presented course material on white board”*
 - ★ *“Very much knowledge and very friendly!”*
- ★ *“The way he used the board - the order of lectures and the amount of material covered were extremely good aspects of the course.”*
 - ★ *“He is extremely good at what he does in class. He should not do anything more ...”*
- ★ *“One of the best professors I have been taught by. Wish I had been taught by him in my under grads.”*
 - ★ *“He is the best”*

Spring 2005 CSE 300 Advanced Topics in Algorithms (UConn)

- ★ *“I like his examples and insight into the material.”*
- ★ *“Very interesting & explanatory. Raj always takes special care to enjoy the course himself which makes it so interesting for students.”*
 - ★ *“He is by far the best teacher ever.”*
 - ★ *“Raj is awesome!”*
 - ★ *“He was very prepared.”*
 - ★ *“IT’S ALREADY PERFECT.”*
- ★ *“Lectures are clear and well-paced. Instructor is clearly very knowledgeable and is also accommodating to students. ”*
 - ★ *“Good selection of homework problems.”*
- ★ *“The instructor is very capable of explaining very advanced material - Very organized - Encourages discussion”*
- ★ *“This course was very well-organized and well-prepared. I really like the way he organized the information on the board.”*
- ★ *“The instructor was very good at interacting with students in the class, getting students involved in the lectures positively.”*
- ★ *“INSTRUCTOR’s wide knowledge about the course. He answered every question asked by any of the students in the class about the course and explained very well.”*

★ *“Instructor’s teaching is perfect.”*

Fall 2004 CSE 259 Algorithms and Complexity (UConn)

- ★ *“Great Class!”*
- ★ *“Very interactive and knows his material really well. Thumps Up!! Great teacher.”*
 - ★ *“The professor was great.”*
 - ★ *“Divided the material in an organized manner, to make learning easier.”*
 - ★ *“Very accessible”*
 - ★ *“interesting class”*
 - ★ *“easy to meet with, lots of examples, fair grading”*
 - ★ *“Thank you, Great job Raj.”*
 - ★ *“Made the topics interesting.”*
 - ★ *“Interesting material, and a clear/effective style of teaching it.”*
 - ★ *“Very organized. Good examples.”*
 - ★ *“Excellent class, excellent teacher.”*
 - ★ *“Could come to office any time to get clarifications”*
 - ★ *“Very accessible to students in and out office hours (email). Model exams give students hint of what to expect on exam day.”*
 - ★ *“Keep up the good work!!”*
 - ★ *“Best CSE class I had in 3 years at UConn. You are the best!”*
 - ★ *“Clear progression of material over time.”*
 - ★ *“Very complete; Covered more material, more completely than other alg. classes”*
 - ★ *“He taught very tough material in a fashion that made it easy to learn”*
 - ★ *“Awesome teacher”*
 - ★ *“Writing material on the board and explaining it in clear way.”*
 - ★ *“Extremely clear, interesting, concerned, ...”*
 - ★ *“You’re by far the most excellent instructor I’ve had here at uconn”*
 - ★ *“Raj is very frienly and goes far out of his own time to help all of the students.”*
 - ★ *“Always prepared. Taught without lecture notes! Clearly knows the subject inside and out. Did not speak down to students.”*
 - ★ *“Homework assignments really reinforced class material.”*

Spring 2004 CSE 361 Complexity of Sequential and Parallel Algorithms (UConn)

- ★ *“Was teaching very clear”*
- ★ *“Well organized lectures”*
- ★ *“GREAT EXPERIENCE, NO PPT - LECTURE”*
 - ★ *“Raj is awesome!”*
- ★ *“ABILITY TO TEACH WITHOUT LECTURE NOTES + ANSWER OFF-THE-WALL QUESTIONS WELL”*
 - ★ *“he answered all questions and took his time to do so”*
 - ★ *“It’s good.”*
 - ★ *“He is the best.”*
 - ★ *“Very organized and clear”*

Fall 2003 CSE 259 Algorithms and Complexity (UConn)

- ★ *“Raj is to algorithms as coke is to soda”*
- ★ *“Raj is the man. He is obviously extremely knowledgeable in algorithms”*
 - ★ *“Answering everyone’s questions so well”*

- ★ *“Very friendly & approachable. Also very knowledgeable regarding subject matter”*
- ★ *“Raj knew everything about every question asked. He was always prepared for class. Very nice and easy to talk to – very helpful”*
- ★ *“He has a way of explaining things in a slow and concise manner so that he leads his students into complete understanding of the material”*
 - ★ *“He may be the best professor I’ve ever had!”*
- ★ *“Raj takes algorithms to a whole new level of clarity and understanding. A+”*
 - ★ *“Would give 11 on some, but no bubble for it”*
 - ★ *“Friendliest teacher ever”*
 - ★ *“Yay Raj!”*
- ★ *“Nice & easy going manner of teaching. More concerned about students understanding the subject, rather than rushing thro’ ”*
 - ★ *“Thank you for all the help outside of class, it’s greatly appreciated”*
- ★ *“He was very thorough and his test and homework pertained very well to what was discussed in class”*
- ★ *“Fair, interesting, nice, funny teacher. Concern for students. Explains things well. Great job!”*
 - ★ *“Raj is the best prof. I’ve ever had”*
 - ★ *“Raj explained the algorithms very well; he truly loves his job”*
 - ★ *“Raj is one of if not the best teacher(s) in this school”*
 - ★ *“Never seen anyone better than this instructor”*
 - ★ *“Very good course-instructor!”*
 - ★ *“Excellent teaching style. AWESOME”*
 - ★ *“RAJ IS AN EXCELLENT PROF”*
- ★ *“Good teacher & did not need a book to teach. Has everything in his head”*
 - ★ *“Three cheers for Raj!”*

Spring 2003 CSE 361 Complexity of Sequential and Parallel Algorithms (UConn)

- ★ *“Overall an excellent course, I learned a tremendous amount & would highly recommend the course”*
- ★ *“Homeworks really emphasized the concepts in class-Hard enough to make us work, but not impossible. Historical perspective was very good”*
 - ★ *“Clear logic”*
 - ★ *“Very clear, took time to explain. Good job”*
 - ★ *“Great teacher, very nice man”*
 - ★ *“He is the best”*
- ★ *“He explained everything very carefully with enough examples & at a pace such that we can grasp it”*
 - ★ *“He was wonderful instructor”*
- ★ *“The way in which he explains the problems & solutions make the subject look very interesting & easy”*
 - ★ *“I don’t see any way that this course can be improved. It’s already perfect”*
 - ★ *“I would like you to teach me how you manage to teach so well!”*
 - ★ *“Clarity of thought. Clear, concise explanations”*
- ★ *“I liked the order of the topics, as well as the insight of the proofs which gave intuition about the subject. Raj’s presentations are very organized and interesting”*
 - ★ *“Broad coverage of material was given”*
- ★ *“Very systematic presentations of the material. Clear explanation of the concepts”*

Fall 2002 CSE 259 Algorithms and Complexity (UConn)

- ★ *“Raj did a great job with the class”*
- ★ *“He covered everything well. Used examples very well. Overall it was very good”*
- ★ *“Professor knew his subject matter very well and was able to clearly explain anything and everything we needed to know”*
 - ★ *“Very Good instructor and I would definitely take a class with him again”*
- ★ *“This prof is extremely knowledgeable, and it shows. Shows much personal alacrity for the subject. Extremely patient with rude students”*
 - ★ *“We need more profs like you”*
- ★ *“The Prof was patient with us, and would answer any questions we had. The tests were challenging, but fair. He gave us a lot of freedom with what algos we could use on the exams”*
 - ★ *“All in all one of the better CSE teachers”*
 - ★ *“Teacher was very pleasant and excited about his work”*
- ★ *“He was always enthusiastic, and he explained every concept clearly and completely. Additionally, he knows the material perfectly”*
 - ★ *“Very knowledgeable of the material. Overall I was pleased with his teaching”*
- ★ *“The thorough, steady pace of class. I did not get the feeling that the professor was trying to weed out the students, just teach them. Good, challenging tests. Good explanations”*
 - ★ *“Very thorough in algorithms. All the way done to the pseudocode”*
 - ★ *“Knew his stuff”*
 - ★ *“Helpful putting everything on web. Also very helpful during office hours”*
- ★ *“He encourages his students to ask questions, send him emails with questions. He replies his emails with explanation”*
 - ★ *“You were very willing to help in office hours”*
 - ★ *“This was a pretty good class in comparison w/ other CSE classes”*
- ★ *“I enjoyed your enthusiasm; it was clear you enjoyed what you were teaching”*

Fall 1999 COT 5405 Analysis of Algorithms (UF)

- ★ *“Great knowledge to the content of course”*
- ★ *“Excellent knowledge and teaching skill”*
- ★ *“clarity of voice and flow of instructions and teaching”*
- ★ *“His teaching skills are excellent. I think he is one of excellent professors”*
 - ★ *“He is one of the best teachers”*
 - ★ *“He knows his material well”*
- ★ *“Yes. It is a very difficult course but I have learned much more than expected & it makes you think on a deeper level”*
- ★ *“excellent professor thank you for your patience in teaching us this material”*

Spring 1999 COT 5405 Analysis of Algorithms (UF)

- ★ *“He knows his subject. Therefore, students can always count on the fact that wherever we have a question it will be answered”*
 - ★ *“Dr. Raj should keep offering the course every semester”*
 - ★ *“GREAT EXPERIENCE!”*
 - ★ *“Very clean in his logic, easy to follow”*
 - ★ *“very expressive & clear language; organized; total knowledge of the subject”*
- ★ *“Dr. Raj is a pleasant intelligent instructor. He is fair and nice, and sometimes funny!”*

Fall 1997 COT 5405 Analysis of Algorithms (UF)

- ★ *“Raj is a good guy and you could tell he cared about how much we learned. He was also extremely knowledgeable about the course material, perhaps more so than any professor I have had”*
- ★ *“enthusiasm, clear explanations, willingness to stop to clarify”*
- ★ *“Smart, dominate his subject, very interesting, learned a lot”*
- ★ *“Dr. Raj is a very compassionate and understanding person in or out of the classroom which makes a subject as difficult as algorithms somewhat bearable.”*
 - ★ *“Excellent knowledge of the subject!! Raj is awesome.”*
 - ★ *“This was a very hard class material-wise, Raj made learning a joy!! Two-thumbs up”*
- ★ *“Raj is a great guy and a great teacher. One of the best, if not the best, teachers in the faculty”*
 - ★ *“He is sincere and respect students”*
- ★ *“Prof Raj appeared to really enjoy the subject. He lights up when it appears that a student is getting a deeper understanding of the material. The grading was extremely fair.”*
 - ★ *“The teacher is full of knowledge about the materials.”*
 - ★ *“It’s an excellent class”*

Fall 1997 COT 5405 Analysis of Algorithms (UF)

- ★ *“Raj is, weu, the Raj. He’s an excellent instructor with a great mind and he truly knows his subject. When he lectures, you can tell his enthusiasm because he can’t hide it! which is a good thing, because it is infectious!
Great job and a fantastic, energetic course!”*
- ★ *“Raj is very organized & concerned about the students. He is a wonderful teacher! The class is very difficult, but he is fair & I learned a lot. A wonderful teacher!!”*
 - ★ *“His amazing knowledge base and infinite patience.”*
- ★ *“Instructor has an extensive knowledge of the subject. Very impressive teaching techniques.”*
 - ★ *“Raj’s willingness to help outside of class was an invaluable asset!”*
- ★ *“Great Course! RAJ made intimidating material easier to learn with his good teaching!”*

Spring 1997 COP 3530 Data Structures (Section 1080) (UF)

- ★ *“Good Knowledge of all subject areas”*
 - ★ *“Very understanding nature”*
- ★ *“Dr. Rajasekaran is a brilliant man and I enjoyed following his thoughts throughout the term.”*
- ★ *“RAJ is a great guy, and he knows this subject inside and out, and he knows how to explain it. He’s a damn fine teacher.”*

Spring 1997 COP 3530 Data Structures (Section 1079) (UF)

- ★ *“Great teacher! Possible one of the best CISE teachers”*
- ★ *“The instructor proved to be quite knowledgable on this subject.”*
 - ★ *“He was very patient & understanding of the student always took time for them.”*
- ★ *“His cooperation with student in solving all course related problem was outstanding and very helpful.”*
 - ★ *“Worked with students well. Made material easy to understand.”*
- ★ *“Raj is an excellent teacher who communicates ideas logically and with fluency and depth.”*
 - ★ *“Friendly, and articulate, communicated well.”*
 - ★ *“Expresses ideas clearly & simply.”*
 - ★ *“Very knowledgable in his field.”*
- ★ *“Dr. Rajaskeran is a very good professor – he is fair, flexible, and enthusiastic”*

Fall 1996 COT 5405 Analysis of Algorithms (UF)

- ★ *“Dr. Raj would encourage feedback from students.”*
- ★ *“openness to questions.”*
- ★ *“good ability to communicate difficult facts”*
- ★ *“He was very friendly and willing to help the students.”*
- ★ *“I enjoyed it.”*

Fall 1995 CIS 3020 Intro to CIS (Section 10979) (UF)

- ★ *“Raj was very thorough with his teaching methods; He didn't go too slow but he didn't rush through it because some of the people (like myself) obviously didn't have tons of computer experience. He made it possible for us to learn.”*
- ★ *“His knowledge of the material & willingness too accept questions during lecture”*
- ★ *“Knew subject. Very courteous.”*
- ★ *“I loved his use of technology as an in-class teaching method. Instead of writing out the notes on the board, he had them all prepared on a computer. They were displayed on a screen w/an overhead projector.”*
- ★ *“Very helpful when necessary”*
- ★ *“The ability to answer each individual question with a well explained answer.”*
- ★ *“He listens to questions, makes sure material is understood before moving on, doesn't assume we know the answer but waits for a general concensus”*
- ★ *“Knows material well, encourages student interaction during lectures.”*
- ★ *“Very excellent!”*

Fall 1995 CIS 3020 Intro to CIS (Section 10978) (UF)

- ★ *“AVAILABILITY AND GREAT CONCERN FOR EACH STUDENT.”*
- ★ *“His high level of patience. His concern for those students who were having trouble grasping some of the concepts. The few minutes of class time that were well spent on bringing some of the slower students upto speed also helped refresh the memories of the more advanced students.”*
- ★ *“Raj was very knowledgable.”*
- ★ *“liked the use of technology - using the www & notes on the computer”*
- ★ *“Very helpful; good explanations”*
- ★ *“A deep knowledge and understanding of the subject.”*
- ★ *“Thorough explanations”*
- ★ *“Very patient”*
- ★ *“He Enjoys Teaching”*

Spring 1995 COT 3100 Discrete Mathematics (UF)

- ★ *“Consistent, clear teaching and knowledge of subject.”*
- ★ *“He's very open and shows unconditional concern for his students. He was very available around exam time and extended his office hours.”*
- ★ *“He was able to do problems on the board such that they were easy to understand.”*
- ★ *“Professor knew material very-well, was very proficient and knowlageble in subject.”*
- ★ *“Very intelligent - knows a lot about the subject”*
- ★ *“Dr. Raj knows his stuff.”*
- ★ *“Excellent knowledge, Good attitude, Excellent instructor, clear, patient.”*

Fall 1994, COT 3100 Discrete Mathematics (UF)

- ★ *“The instructor was very interested in problems the students might have had & worked to resolve any problems. His understanding was a very nice quality not found in many profs.”*
- ★ *“The professor knew his subject very well, and was able to make it seem easy at times because he was able to explain it well.”*
 - ★ *“Was very helpful, knew the material very well”*
- ★ *“Prof. Raj seemed very interested in the subject matter, which increased my interest. He also explained things very well.”*
 - ★ *“He was very patience when asked questions about things.”*
 - ★ *“Enjoyed his teaching.”*

Comments of UPenn Students

- ★ *“Rajasekaran is the best CSE prof I have had in three years. His lectures were clear and concise. Made potentially dull material interesting”*
 - ★ *“Excellent professor. Outstanding. Brilliant.”*
 - ★ *“I like Raj and hope to be able to take more of his classes.”*
- ★ *“My most interesting computer science course so far. It’s not easy but it’s sure worth the effort! Raj is cool!”*
 - ★ *“Dr. Rajasekaran is an excellent teacher, always well prepared (in fact never speaking with notes), and able to communicate very well. The fact that this is a new field and the instructor is on the cutting edge only adds to the excitement of the course”*
- ★ *“A very interesting course given by a highly motivated and extremely well-versed and competent professor.”*
 - ★ *“This course was very enjoyable and worthwhile. The professor was quite helpful during office hours, and was always available. Homeworks were graded promptly and returned, along with suggested solutions. I learned a lot from preparing my presentation, and getting feedback from the class was a good idea. Overall, I consider Raj among the best instructors in the CIS Dept!”*
 - ★ *“Very well organized course with knowledgeable and friendly instructor providing a very firm foundational course.”*
 - ★ *“As usual, Raj was well prepared and organized. His practice of distributing copies of the overheads used in class is very helpful. He is always receptive when visited during office hours.”*
 - ★ *“Raj is an excellent teacher. Engineering needs more profs. like him.”*
- ★ *“More lecturers should take the kind of interest RAJ takes. He is always willing to explain and is very flexible. He is receptive to students needs.”*
 - ★ *“Course was excellent! Instructor presented difficult material in a very clear manner.”*
 - ★ *“An excellent teacher but very difficult exams.”*
- ★ *“I appreciated Raj’s emphasis in homeworks and quizzes on constructing new algorithms rather than just memorizing the algorithms presented in class. This made the class much more interesting.”*
 - ★ *“The professor was very generous with his time and made sure to be available for outside discussions.”*
 - ★ *“Dr. Raj is a great lecturer!”*
- ★ *“Raj is a great prof and course material is very interesting. The book is wonderful, very helpful, & self-explanatory. It’s not an easy course, but very interesting. Grading is a bit hard”*
- ★ *“Raj is an excellent professor. He is very clear, organized, and willing to discuss the material with students”*
- ★ *“Prof. Raj is very approachable & friendly teacher. It’s not a stressful class at all. But there are still a lot of interesting and enlightening ideas got across in class.”*
 - ★ *“Baase is an excellent text! RAJ is the best!”*

- ★ *“An excellent survey of the topic”*
- ★ *“Great professor! Great teaching method.”*