Allison Obourn is a kind, intelligent, and pedagogically excellent instructor. Computer science is one of the hardest topics to teach and learn. Allison breaks down topics to understandable sizes and showed passion and dedication in her teaching. You have to work hard in her courses—because CS is hard—but her lectures and course materials are comprehensive and approachable.

Allison put extra time into the three courses I took with her (CS 131, 132, 133). She would respond to many of the students' questions and meet after class for lengthy discussions on CS topics and assignments. Her projects were also non-trivial and challenged me to learn the material deeply. I display my projects from her course on my github. The code is complex, solves difficult problems, and exhibits my new-found programming skills that I developed taking her courses.

After taking Allison's courses, my CS and programming skills improved by leaps and bounds. I was able to immediately write significantly better code in other languages, and at work. My colleagues were impressed by my programming skills, given I was a data scientist and not an engineer. I encourage any student interested in CS to take a course with Allison. I highly recommend Allison as an instructor and leader in higher education for curriculum development and direction of computer science educational programs.

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