Advice for 3-2 Combined Plan CS Students

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Time is of the Essence

You have exactly two years at Columbia

You must take 60 non-transferred points

Average class is 3 points

\[ \frac{60}{3} \div 4 = 5 \text{ classes per semester} \]

Flaking out on classes, for whatever reason, is the number one problem combined plan students have.

Extending your time here is nearly impossible.
Advising

I am the CS advisor for Combined Plan students
Email me or stop by for an appointment anytime
(sedwards@cs.columbia.edu)

Your “class dean” can advise on non-CS class questions
I know remarkably little about, e.g., English classes

Intrepid administrator Remi Moss helps with bureaucracy
(remi@cs.columbia.edu)

*She’s on your side*
Importing Classes

Remi and I are here to help with the import process

Importing means you skip the class at Columbia; it does not impact the 60 point requirement.

1. Talk to me about classes you want to import/skip
2. I’m happy to approve imports of most basic classes
3. I may refer you to the instructor for advanced classes

Make sure Remi gets information about what classes we have approved
Columbia Student Services Online (SSOL: ssol.columbia.edu) Among other things, has a Degree Audit Report (DAR) An unreliable indicator of your progress Your DAR is usually unaware of imports Not to worry → Remi and I clear you to graduate We follow your transcript and imported classes