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
60 ÷ 3 ÷ 4 = 5 classes per semester
Typical load: 4 CS + 1 elective

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 Clarissa Peña helps with bureaucracy
(clarissa@cs.columbia.edu)

She’s on your side
CS Department Requirements

See the QuickGuide: CS website → Academics → BS/BA Programs → BS in Computer Science (SEAS)

► 8 class core requirement
Data structures, theory, fundamentals, etc.
You will have done some, but not all, of the core. Finish

► 21 points (=7 classes) of track courses
Some required, some “choose three from these seven,” others advisor-approved

► 15 points (=5 classes) of general technical electives
3000-level or above in science (including CS), engineering, or mathematics.
Importing Classes

Clarissa 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.

- Submit your import requests through http://mice.cs.columbia.edu
- I’m happy to approve imports of most basic classes
- I may refer you to the instructor for advanced classes
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 → Clarissa and I clear you to graduate
We follow your transcript and imported classes