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 $\rightarrow$ Academics $\rightarrow$ BS/BA Programs $\rightarrow$ 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

Graduating

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