

These notes aren't necessarily complete. They're also notes. Chloe was my favorite advisor, but she doesn't do undergrad stuff anymore to my knowledge. Jennifer is also very good.

# CSE Advising Notes

## Notes from Chloe Dolese 10/18/18

### Petition for Winter quarter class

- Can/should select multiple classes
- Options:
  - 331 (Project based)
  - 351 (Hardware and software)
  - 341 (Programming languages, elective)
- 1/3 of petitioners get spots
- My petition won't be treated like a standard freshman wanting a CS course
- I'm a good candidate to get a petition class

### Application

- Requires all transcripts (**including BCC**)
- Two essays
- Work history

### Essay

- Include that I kinda need to be admitted now I don't have much else to take
- Skills and perspectives you've gained by being part of the
- Work with diverse group
- Prob solve
- Be leader

### Exchange Programs

- Direct exchange programs
- Switzerland Sweden and Germany

- Slightly difficult otherwise
- Get back, send transcripts to faculty committee
- Evaluated for credit on course content and rigor

# Notes from Jenifer Hiigli 11/8/18

## Application Essay

Recommend going to workshops put on by CS department

### Three key factors

1. Personal history
  - Where you're from
  - Where you learned/started CS
2. Why CS
3. College time
  - What do you do with your time in college?
  - What do those activities tell us about you?
  - If we admit you, have you got the soft skills necessary?
  - Academic plans

### Style: Chronological

- Natural progression
- Bit about future plans
- **Important**
  - Not too formal
  - Not about CS
  - Prioritize topics appropriately

## CSE

- Maggie best advisor
- Got in with 3.5, friends with higher GPA didn't
- Involved on campus but not with CS specifically

- Have a running theme in the essay

## Notes from Personal Statement Workshop (12/6/18)

- Include/emphasize other academic activities
- Don't spend too much time on HS
- Relate essay to yourself
- Proofread well
- "And this is what I'm doing with my love of computer science"
- Word count: about a page/page-and-a-half single spaced

### Process

- Brainstorm
- Filter ideas
- Outline
- Draft
- Edit
  - "Highlighter test" print it, highlight everything a reader should/will learn about you.
  - How does this sentence relate to the message I'm going for?
  - Read it aloud, check for flow (should be conversational)
- Peer Review
  - Check if intended message is being delivered
  - [Ode writing center](#) (Doesn't do grammar)

## Notes from Maggie Ryan (2/25/19)

- I should apply again
- Look to get deeply involved in a non-academic extracurricular
- Non STEM class grades matter less
- Don't take anymore English
- Probably won't have petition space
- Admission will be harder in two years, a bit harder in one
- Don't fail linear algebra
- Take INFO 200

- No first-quarter freshmen let in
- ~140 spots in Fall 2019

# Notes from Jenifer Hiigli 5/10/19

## My transcript

- Current (Spring 2019) classes don't do much to hurt or help admission
- There isn't a lot of information on my transcript
  - More of an issue in the coming, more selective application pool
  - Explain why I'm taking random humanities classes instead of STEM stuff

## Application cycle

- Application is getting tougher overall
  - Future distinguishing factors will be grades and non-academic intangibles—try to stand out
- Admitted extra DAs this summer by accident
  - Allegedly won't affect regular admission
- Expecting 600 applicants
  - Acceptance slots not mentioned, probably ~150-250
- Likely to be significantly tougher than the most recent few cycles too
  - Recent non-permanent increase in applications accepted will vanish
  - Also a reduction on normal acceptance numbers
- Petition
  - 800 petitioners last quarter

## My next steps

- Apply in summer
  - Essay
    - Don't focus too much on LightRiver in my essay (don't make it something it isn't)
    - Answer other transcript questions (above) in the essay
    - Explain how extracurriculars connect to my sense of value as a human, along with courses I'm taking

- Possibly get a research position for fall
- Take a hard set of STEM classes fall quarter
  - CSE 414 is the best non-majors CS course (CSE 373 is a possible backup but not ideal)
  - Math 307 (Any math class is pretty much the same as far as admission goes, but many like Math 300 fill up)
  - Possibly a non-CS class
- Consider a petition if I don't get in over summer (opens after decisions come out)
- Plan for other majors
  - Double major is fine as long as it's well justified and you have time to do it (ACMS double major is usually boring)

## Notes from 9/26

- my fall quarter plan seems rigorous
- research or something would be good if I can find it

## Notes from Chloe Dolese 11/5

### Questions

- What do you think of my projected grades?
- Should I heavily load myself with courses again?
- Winter petition chances?
- I've been doing maintenance on my app since the start, how can I get ahead?
- 373?

### Notes

- Petition is now for kids who don't think they're gonna get in at all so articulate why the class is specifically valuable to me
- Commitment to the world around you, extracurriculars
- Pick another extracurricular. Work in a shelter and work at a startup both okay
- Explain why it's important.
- Academics are good enough. Try to keep two stem classes. Maybe 1 CS next quarter