Dear New CIS/MSE Students,

Welcome to the Graduate Program of the Department of Computer and Information Science.

If there has been a change in your plan to be a graduate student in the CIS Department, please let me know.

We look forward to working with you and hope that your graduate career here will be productive and enjoyable.

I can answer questions re: administrative concerns, registration, course selection, etc. I apologize for the delay in sending this message; for the Fall 2013 we received nearly 2200 applications to our graduate programs and have only just completed the evaluation of them all.

Resources:
At www.cis.upenn.edu/grad/masters-new.shtml are links to resources which you should find useful.

Registration:
Full-time CIS MSE students enroll in three courses in the Fall (and Spring) semester. Part-time students should enroll in at least one course.

The CIS/MSE degree program requires the completion of ten courses. At least seven of the ten course units required for the degree must be CIS courses; the four core courses are included in this requirement. Courses meeting the seven CIS course requirement must be CIS 500-level courses.

Below is the list of core courses to meet the CIS/MSE degree requirements, you must take a total of four courses from this list, including at least one of either 501 or 505 and at least one of either 502 or 511; more information re: the CIS/MSE core course requirements is @ www.cis.upenn.edu/grad/gradhandbook.shtml#MSE-Requirements

Core Course Offerings Fall 2013:
- CIS 500 - Software Foundations
- CIS 501 – Intro to Computer Architecture
- CIS 502 - Analysis of Algorithms
- CIS 520 – Machine Learning

Core course offerings Spring 2014:
- CIS 505 - Software systems
- CIS 511 - Theory of Computation
- CIS 555 - Internet & Web Systems

The following resources provide information which you will find useful in preparing your course of study:
Fall CIS Graduate Course Schedule - www.cis.upenn.edu/grad/fallcourses.shtml
CIS Graduate Handbook - www.cis.upenn.edu/grad/gradhandbook.shtml
CIS Graduate Course Descriptions – www.cis.upenn.edu/ugrad/all-courses.shtml#CIS500
- you should review the course descriptions re: prerequisites, etc.

A typical full-time enrollment would be two core courses and an elective; as noted above the course schedule is @ www.cis.upenn.edu/grad/fallcourses.shtml

When you are ready to register, please send me your choices by email.

You should register as soon as possible as classes are filling up. It is possible to change your enrollment later.
Advisor:
I will contact you individually shortly re: your faculty advisor.

Please stop by to see me when you arrive on campus.

And remember:
- Resource links are @ www.cis.upenn.edu/grad/masters-new.shtml.
- Please advise me if there has been a change in your plans to enroll at the University of Pennsylvania.
- You should register for classes as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
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