CIS Student Advising Guide

Starting the Advising Process

1. Contact your Advisor
-Your advisor can be found in your Student Center. Click on details under their name to send an email.
-Your advisor may also send out an email with their advising procedures. Pay attention to your TU email inbox.

2. Pick up or print out advising forms
-Advising forms can be found in YR406 or online under Student Resources on our website. ***Note: you should select the form with your catalog year (the year you started at Towson University.)**

3. Complete advising forms
-Prior to meeting, fill out your degree completion plan and email it to your advisor.

4. Set an appointment with your advisor

5. Sign up for classes
-Sign up for classes on your enrollment date. Your enrollment date is listed on your Student Center. Click on the date for your enrollment time.

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Overall Requirements

-Must complete 120 Credits

-Must complete 32 Upper Level Units

-Must complete all University CORE (or Gen Ed) requirements

-Must complete all major requirements

-Must complete last 30 credits at Towson

-Must graduate with an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher

Major Requirements

-All prerequisites are strictly enforced

-No third attempts allowed for major courses

-No core exceptions can be made by our department

-All required courses must be completed with a grade of C or better

-COSC 236 and COSC 237 must be taken together at either Towson University, a Community College, or 4 year school

Internship Requirements

-Must have a GPA of 2.8 or above
-Student must have acquired an internship
    (Note: The Career Center can help you find an internship)
-Completed 2 upper-level (300+) courses in the major

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Helpful Tips for Your Major

Computer Science

-Must take MATH 119 or equivalent before COSC 236
-Must take COSC 175 or equivalent before COSC 236
-Must take 2 sciences that are on the required list
　　for the major
-If persuing a Computer Science Track, major must
　　be declared in Peoplesoft
-Required Cores:
　　Core 5: COMM 131
　　Core 9: ENGL 317
　　Core 14: COSC 418

Information Systems

-Must take MATH 119 or equivalent before COSC 236
-Must take COSC 175 or equivalent before COSC 236
-All IS students must select a track:
　　Data Analytics　　　　Interface Design
　　Business　　　　　　Systems
-ITEC 231 is now required for IS students starting
　　2017-2018 catalog year
-COSC 111 is not a required course but it is a
　　prerequisite for CIS 211
-CIS 115 (transfer course) is equivalent to COSC 111
-Required Cores:
　　Core 9: ENGL 317
　　Core 14: COSC 418

Information Technology

-COSC 175 is now a requirement for IT students
　　starting 2018-2019 catalog year
-Must take MATH 231 before taking COSC 236
-ITEC 236 is equivalent to COSC 236 for IT majors only
　　(students do not need to retake COSC 236)
-CIS 115 (transfer course) is equivalent to COSC 111
-Required Cores:
　　Core 5: COMM 131
　　Core 9: ENGL 317
　　Core 14: COSC 418

How to Select Classes

1. Open your Academic Requirements in your student center.

Academics

Search for Classes
Browse Catalog
Plan
Enroll/Drop
My Academics
Academic Requirements

2. Using the course sheet for your major, check off completed courses.
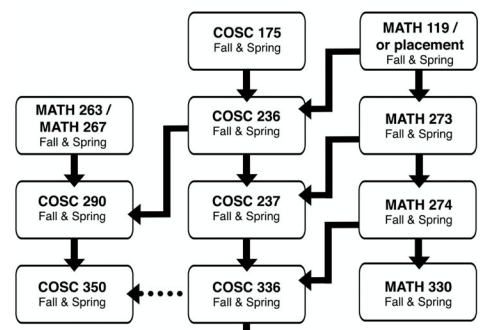
Required Computer Science Courses
31 Units

			Units
✓ COSC 236	Intro to Computer Science I		4
✓ COSC 237	Intro to Computer Science II		4
___ COSC 290	Principles of Comp Architecture		4
___ COSC 336	Data Structures & Algorithm Analysis		4

3. Note courses you need - both major and core courses. (Needed courses will show as Not Satisfied in your AR)

Core (10) Perspectives: Metropolitan

Not Satisfied: Core (10) Perspectives: Metropolitan (G1674)

4. Using the back of the course sheet for your major and keeping in mind prerequisites, list courses you want to take next semester. (An up-to-date Degree Plan makes this step easier)

COSC 175 Fall & Spring	MATH 119 / or placement Fall & Spring
MATH 263 / MATH 267 Fall & Spring	COSC 236 Fall & Spring	MATH 273 Fall & Spring
COSC 290 Fall & Spring	COSC 237 Fall & Spring	MATH 274 Fall & Spring
COSC 350 Fall & Spring	COSC 336 Fall & Spring	MATH 330 Fall & Spring

5. Review plan with your advisor.