Change of Major and 4-year Program Plan Checklist for Prospective InfoSci Students

The Change of Major evaluation protocol consists of two main stages:

1) **Eligibility Evaluation**: You should for check whether you are eligible to change your major to InfoSci. You can change your major to InfoSci if the following does not apply to you:

   You have attempted an InfoSci benchmark course twice and didn’t earn a C- or better. This rule applies to:
   
   i) original InfoSci benchmark courses, MATH 115, PSYC 100, STAT 100, INST 126, and INST 201;
   
   ii) courses that precede an original InfoSci benchmark course in a prerequisite sequence, such as MATH 113, unless there is an alternative path for you to take the given InfoSci benchmark.

   You can change your major to InfoSci even if you have already used all 18 credits of repeats. However, note that you will not be able to repeat an InfoSci benchmark or an InfoSci core course, if you do not complete them all successfully, (i.e., with a grade of C- or higher,) and will need to leave the InfoSci program.

2) **4-year Plan Approval**: If you are eligible to change your major to InfoSci, you can move on to this next stage. You will need to prepare a 4-year plan and have it approved by an InfoSci advisor before you can change your major. Instructions and a template are available in the 4-Year Course Plan Form page of the iSchool website. As you prepare your 4-year plan, make sure that all of the following are true for your plan draft:

   a) Are all the semester boxes filled in correctly? (E.g. Fall 2016)
   
   b) Do all of the semesters involve 16 credits or less of coursework?
   
   c) Are all the remaining GenEd courses listed?
   
   d) Are all the InfoSci Benchmarks completed?
      
      i) MATH 115 or higher
      ii) PSYC 100
      iii) STAT 100
      iv) INST 126
      v) INST 201
   
   e) If not, are all the remaining Benchmark courses listed?
   
   f) Are all the Benchmark I courses listed within 30 credits after declaring InfoSci as major?
      
      i) MATH 115 or higher
      ii) PSYC 100
   
   g) Are all the Benchmark II courses listed within 60 credits after declaring InfoSci as major?
      
      i) STAT 100
      ii) INST 126
      iii) INST 201
h) Are all the Benchmark courses listed prior to Core courses and Major Electives? (One “Overlap Semester”, when you take your last Benchmarks and first InfoSci Core courses, is allowed.)

i) Do all prerequisite and corequisite dependencies check? (Refer to the InfoSci Prerequisites list.)

j) Are all 10 InfoSci Core courses listed?

k) Are five InfoSci Major Electives listed?

l) Does the total credits equal 120? (earned & proposed courses)

If your plan fails one or more of these criteria, it will not be approved, and you will need to revise it. Depending on the number and severity of the issues with your plan draft, you may be asked to attend an advising session, or a one-on-one meeting with an adviser. To save time, and conclude your change of major process quickly, please make sure that you plan draft meets these criteria.