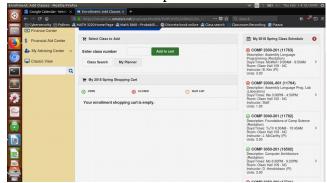Albara Mehene

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Special Topics

Analysis of the SiS Interface

Ever since Freshman year of college, I was fond of how easy it was to jump from each category that was available. Over time, Umass Lowell implemented a new interface for SiS that was also towards more to mobile access. Thankfully they still had the classic mode available and I couldn't help myself to going back to using the classic mode instead of the newer version. In the new version, the home page feels more unorganized and out of place. Comparing to the classic version, the home page has categories that are put together for each option. One good trait is that there are more options that I did not know about in the classic version. For example, academic advisement report is a useful tool for planning that is shown on the home screen on the new version. The contents of the new version is jumbled up while the classic version is more organized. While browsing on new interface, occasionally the browser would switch back to classic mode. Sometimes when browsing using the new interface, the browser would switch back to the classic version. That being said, not all links on the new interface work leading to a 404 or switching to classic view. When browsing the sub contents, it feels like there is more unnecessary details shown in the new interface compared to the classic view.

Comparing the two, the classic view has a smaller and well organized layout for readability. The new interface has the contents spread out and requires more work to read. Overall, I feel no reason to use the new interface when it takes less time and issues to navigate in the classic version.