

# Sam Doecker

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## EDUCATION

**University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

*Expected May 2026*

- GPA 3.86/4.00
- **Major:** Computer Science
- **Awards:** Lillian Gertrude Selz Prize (awarded to top first-year undergraduates)

## SKILLS

**Experienced:** Python, C, Git, Unix/Linux, Windows, data structures and algorithms

**Intermediate:** Numpy, Pandas, Flask

**Familiar:** Django, PostgreSQL, Docker, HTML/CSS, Matplotlib

Conversational fluency in Spanish

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**Chief Technical Officer and Cofounder**, InsightEd

*April 2024 - Current*

- Building prototype and MVP for responsive mental health survey for middle and high schoolers
- Implementing data collection, analytics, and targeted resources to provide solutions for schools

**WatchList**

*May - June 2024*

- Built a web app with Flask and PostgreSQL letting users make a list of shows they want to watch
- Implemented CI pipeline with GitHub Actions for automated unit testing

**Wildhacks**, Northwestern University

*April 2023*

- Designed frontend for AI-based sticker-making web extension with Tailwind CSS and Svelte
- Won best Github page award

**TechTeam**, University of Chicago

*Jan 2023 - Dec 2023*

- Created data visualizations using Pandas and Matplotlib for Restore Justice Illinois to advocate for reduced youth incarceration

**Checkers Game**

*March 2023*

- Developed a playable Checkers game on a team of four students in Python with UI and bot players

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Grader for Introduction to Computer Science II**, University of Chicago

*March 2023 - Current*

- Graded 102 Python student assignments in a code review format
- Provided constructive feedback on data structure and algorithmic design, focused on efficiency and cleanliness of work

**Intern**, Deaf Kids Code

*June 2023 - August 2023*

- Compiled web resources into free beginner coding lesson plans for educators with Deaf students
- Implemented web portal for educators to access curriculum and to facilitate internal data collection

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

**Foundations of Computer Networks**, University of Chicago

*March 2024 - May 2024*

- Implemented router and network protocols in C as part of a two-person team

**Theory of Algorithms**, University of Chicago

*January 2024 - March 2024*

- Learned analysis and design of efficient algorithms using various data structures, including dynamic programming, "divide and conquer", greedy algorithms, and graph searching

**Introduction to Data Engineering**, University of Chicago

*March 2023 - May 2023*

- Used Django framework and SQL to build the backend for a website throughout the class

## ACTIVITIES

**House Council Secretary and Treasurer**, UChicago Fama House

*September 2023 - Present*

- Implemented digital record-taking at every meeting to improve meeting efficiency
- Collaborated with other council members to plan and host fundraisers

**Lead Sound Designer**, University Theater

*Sept 2022 - Present*

- Designed audio systems and sound effects for plays and musicals, live mixed performances