

Professional Practice

Mastery with Distinction

Professional practice and computer science go hand in hand. If you fail to properly communicate with your partner during a project you will inevitably encounter problems. If you don't manage your time properly you will end up staying up all night to finish a project the night before it is due. As a member of the varsity basketball team, computer science major and math minor time management was a necessary skill to master. Because of these things it became obvious to me that whenever I walk into Olin, I need to be prepared to work effectively and efficiently . If I did not spend my time wisely I would end up falling behind in the classroom and on the basketball court. That is why I always begin projects multiple days before they are due and try my hardest to not leave work for the night before it is due.

When it comes to group projects I have no problem working with other students. If my partner and I are first time partners we exchange contact information so we can schedule times to work on the project together. I understand that other people's schedules won't always align with mine, so sometimes I might have to work on the project alone while my partner is busy or vice versa.

Many of the topics I'm covering fall under the category of respect. Do you have the respect for yourself to wake up early to work extra on a project or will you simply accept a passing grade? Do you have the respect for your classmates to show up to class having read the assigned material allowing you to actively participate in class? Do

you have the respect for your professor to pay attention in class and take notes? I feel like I can honestly answer all of these questions with a 'yes'.

Lastly, my skills in LaTeX are far beyond standard. Between data structures and graph theory I had at least two typed up LaTeX files due per week, that's around sixty multipage hand ins this semester using Latex. Including the work I did for proofs last semester I have completed over 100 projects using LaTeX.

All in all I believe my skills and ideology regarding professional practice are some of my most valuable qualities. A few years down the road I think my leadership and communication skills will help me in the professional world rather than my coding skills.