
Meet Your Departmental Student Advisor!

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Hometown: Kalamazoo, MI

Major: Computer Science

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Study Abroad: San Jose, Costa Rica

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Neapolitan

Best Adjective to Describe You: Independent

In 10 words or less, why should someone want to be a part of this department?

Great professors, small department, hanging out in the CS lounge.

When did you know you wanted to study this area? What pathway led you to this department?

I planned on studying math when I came to Kalamazoo College, but during my freshman year I took a computer science course because it was required for a math major and I realized I liked CS way more than math!

What is the best way to get (and stay) connected to this department?

Visit your professors whenever you have a question – they're really nice and helpful, and go to TA office hours at night (even if you don't need help from a TA!).

What would you miss the most if you were no longer a part of this department?

Hanging out in the CS lounge with all the other CS students.

What are your career aspirations/next steps after K?

Find an industry job (hopefully!) and build up my technical skills for a while. Eventually I would like to go back to school and get a Master's degree in the ICT4D (Information and Communication Technology for Development) field.

What has been the biggest surprise you have encountered at K?

The fact that I decided to study Computer Science is a huge surprise. I never pictured myself as a CS major– I hated the Computer Science classes I took in high school.

How does your department connect to your other interests and activities?

I took a lot of classes on Human Development while I was on study abroad and really liked it. Even though Computer Science and Human Development seem like completely unrelated subjects, I managed to find an ICRP on study abroad at an NGO that tries to promote development in Costa Rica through technology. My SIP is also a combination of these two areas of study. Computer Science relates to everything somehow.

What has been your favorite class at K? Why?

Data Structures. There are tons and tons of programming projects, which I really liked working on, and I feel like my programming skills improved a lot after taking this class.

What is your SIP?

Creating low-cost cell phone-based solutions for increased uptake and coverage of childhood vaccinations in India.
