

Interview#4

Observations by Margaret

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Age: 25

Major: Economics and ISF (undergrad), City & Regional Planning (grad)

Year: Grad student

Lives on: Southside

Outside activities

Finance manager @ Fenwick (about 7 hrs/week)

desktop/laptop - windows

how do you find info?

used to buy the schedule, but now uses schedule.berkeley.edu

online system is more convenient

department's internal schedule ---> used more often

core classes

decided each semester since prof might go on sabbatical

interest classes

decided on by looking at reading list, info, prof

conflicts solved by weighting classes based on interest

5 classes - all CP except one Law

schedule changed a lot after classes started

audited classes during the semester

organized on paper

classes & times plotted on spreadsheet

half hour increments from 8am-8pm

sections lighter than lecture

only used ~2-3 weeks

Outlook

spontaneous events

midterms/finals

check regularly

share schedule? for group schedule

plot times free with initials

BearFacts not used often

check reg fees, transcript, registered for class?

DARS never used except in last semester

1-5 questions

- graduation requirements? 1

- finals schedule? 3 (grad), 1 (undergrad)

- distances between classes? 5

- time between classes? 2

 - just want some sort of break

 - want classes clumped together

- prof teaching classes? 1 (grad), 4 (undergrad)

WANTS

- schedule templates

- intelligent TeleBears

 - recommendations based on course topics

- map of class location

- network connections: see friend's schedule

 - ie. discussion sections

- making site useable for the visually impaired

ratemyprof.com

- it's useful to shed light; if there's an overwhelming opinion

getting around campus? no transit, walks