**Key Dates:**

* Course Schedule for Spring Available: Wednesday, October 4
* Course Selection Period: 9 am Mon, Nov 3 – 4 pm Wed, Nov 5
* Priority Major Declaration Deadline: Monday, October 27
* Start Major Declaration Process by: Monday, October 20

**Advice for COMP130 Students:**

1. If you are enjoying COMP130 and are interested in computer science, consider taking COMP132 next semester.
2. If you're considering majoring in computer science, follow these steps:
   * [Declare a major in computer science](https://johnmaccormick.github.io/jmac-web/major-declaration.html) to get priority for COMP132. (See [prioities page](https://cliq.dickinson.edu/apps/registrar/course_criteria_public.cfm) for details.)
   * Consider taking COMP190, MATH170, and MATH211.
   * Optionally, think about DATA180 if interested in data analytics.
3. If you are interested in pursuing a math major, COMP132 counts as an elective towards it.
4. For those interested in data analytics, consider taking DATA180 (or its prerequisite MATH170).

**Why Declare a Major:**

* Declaring a computer science major increases your chance of getting a seat in COMP132.
* Declaring a major is a serious step but does not require complete certainty.
* To declare, email Professor Jen Schaefer ([schaefje@dickinson.edu](mailto:schaefje@dickinson.edu)).
* The process takes about a week, so start by Monday, October 20.

**Additional Information:**

* COMP190 can be taken simultaneously with COMP132
* MATH211 can be taken immediately after COMP130 or after MATH170 – it’s usually better to take MATH170 first
* DATA180 is important for data analytics and useful for computer science, but doesn't count towards the computer science major.Top of Form

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