

# Choosing your 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year courses

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# Introduction

- Who am I?
- My strategy for choosing courses
- How can you choose your courses?
- Course scheduling
- Have a question? Please ask anytime!



# Who am I?

- Graduate of Computer Engineering (2009)
- Business Intelligence Analyst at OANDA
  - Analysis of large datasets from our website



# My 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Year Courses

- 8 ECE 3xx courses, 2 ECE 4xx courses
- One CSC 4xx and one ECE 5xx
- Barring ECE 472 (economics), ECE 496 (capstone)
- CS courses: APS 234, APS 432 (Entrepreneurship)
- HSS courses: HPS 2xx, GGR 2xx
- Free Elective: FSL 100



# Your course selection

- 4 Categories
  - Relevant to industry
  - Relevant to research area
  - Excited about a particular area
  - I want a free ride!



# C1: Relevant to industry

- Interviews
- Information sessions for eSIP, PEY, full-time recruitment
- Talk to professors and grad students



# C2: Relevant to research

- Get in touch with resourceful professors
- Get in touch with grad students



# C3: Excited about a particular area

- Just do it!

# C4: Free ride

- Hmm...

# Course scheduling

- Take essential courses early
- Keep your 4<sup>th</sup> year light, if possible
- Choose your courses for a semester sooner than later

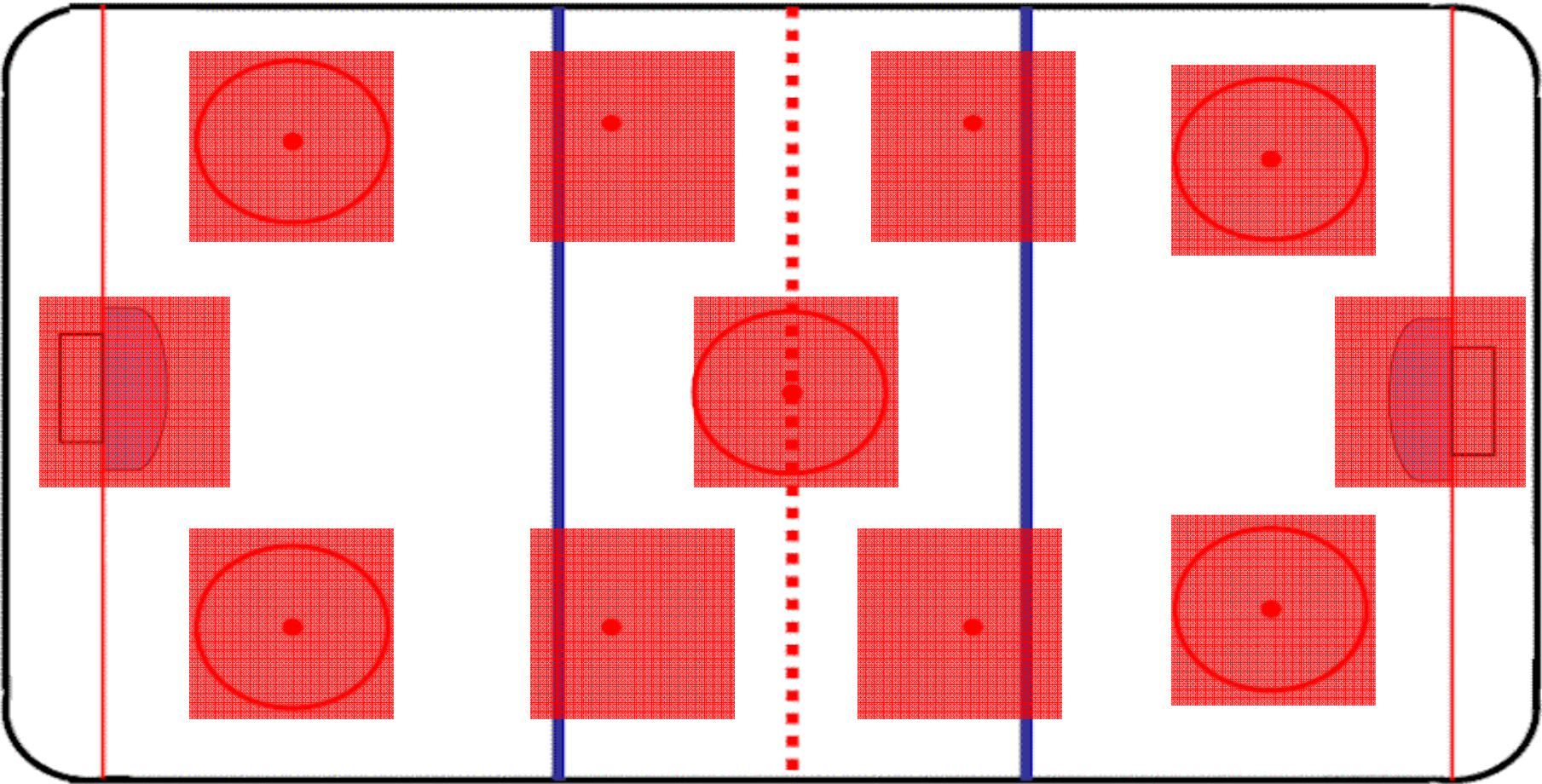


# What if you don't know...

- Talk to people in industry, recent graduates or professors
- Find a mentor (Skule Mentorship Program)
- Attend PEY/eSIP, recruitment seminars
- Get some work experience



# Diversify!



# Experiment

- “Music is really all about experimentation and lots of trial and error. It's just mind-numbingly boring until you hit on something that works well.”

– *Martin Gore*  
*English Singer/songwriter*



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# How much does it matter?

- You are going to be retiring in 2056!
- Experiment, watch your interest
- Listen to your heart
- Balance between needs and wants

