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Pathways Day: BS in CS

1. I went to BS in CS Information Session hosted by Jason Selwitz, Zach Smith, Ashroff Alatar and Shrewdy Moore.
2. I did not know that SPSCC offered a BS in CS at all. I thought I had to transfer to a different 4 year university but they just started offering it this fall quarter. I may decide to change from DTA to getting a BS here instead. I also made an appointment to meet with Zach Smith on the recommendation of the session. They said they are hiring a new ed planner also in the next few months but that I should meet with him. I learned about the different classes and courses I will need to take to cover my prereqs for the BS in CS and while mostly the same as DTA there was a couple of differences. I am considering adjusting my future class plans with this in mind. They also talked about the pipeline from SPSCC to computer science jobs in the government and local companies.
3. They explained a few different routes I wasn't aware of prior for different career end goals including one with less math. I am not currently struggling with math but I will remember that in case I start struggling. All of these routes still lead to being able to do the BS in CS, just different levels of math and other studies. The flexibility will allow me to adjust if needed. I had originally planned to get a DTA and go to UW but after going to this session I am considering changing to a BS in CS from here. This is a major change of course for me so I will be discussing it further with family and SPSCC. They pointed out

the smaller class sizes and prices and overall it seems fantastic. I am just worried about drawbacks or discrimination for not going to a larger 4 year uni. I asked about it but they did not cover any of it beyond saying it's a great program. I get not wanting to disparage your programs but it is an important question. Overall it was a great session and I immediately reached out to set up a meeting with 2 of the session coordinators to discuss switching to a BS in CS.