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Professor,

I am sorry that I have not yet responded with my thoughts regarding the INSY major. As you probably know, I'm studying in Spain for the Winter session. However, I do want to send my thoughts your way so that you could share it with the board.

Coming into the University of Delaware, I was in the BA program for a degree in computer science. At this point, I was undecided of what I wanted to study in college, but the area did interest me a lot. After taking a few courses in CS, I decided that I really enjoyed the field, and programming. However, I did find a lot of the work to be a bit tedious, difficult to grasp, and frustrating to say the least. After an internship with Chase this past summer, working in the IT department, I realized that I did not want to restrict myself to just Computer Science. I started to gain an interest in opening up to the business world in general. Once I remembered hearing about the Information Systems program that was offered, I decided this was definitely my best option.

While I do enjoy sitting in front of code for hours and finally coming to a solution to a problem, I also like to think in terms of money, numbers, and management. I feel that the INSY major offers courses that are strong in teaching both the core of programming/computer science as well as a lot of useful and practical knowledge in business operation. The combination of the two can really help students thrive once they go out into the business world because they will have a wide spectrum in that of technology and overall business. I believe that one of the keys to success is the ability to adapt to different environments quickly and to be open-minded in terms of your work. I think it's obvious that the INSY major would help to jump start a student in that direction by offering courses that are specific to coding and programming, in addition to ones like accounting, operations management, finance, and even real world experience such as BUEC 431-432.

I believe that it is in the best interest of the department not to throw away with the Information Systems Program, but to promote it. If I would have known more about the program when I applied to the university, it is likely that I would have entered in it from the start. It has a lot to offer, combining the best of both worlds. Combining a great sense of technology with a good business background seems to be the perfect duo for success in the real world.

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