

Extending Scholarship and Financial Aid Explanation Letter

My name is Quang Nguyen. I'm a junior majoring in Computer Science (CS). I'm writing this letter to request for an Additional Semester of TCU Funded Scholarships and Financial Aid and explain why I am not able to graduate within the range of my scholarship.

To earn a CS degree, a student is recommended to follow degree plan and finish prerequisites before taking a class. Lower-level CS courses are fundamental and essential for a student to absorb knowledge in higher-level courses. A student who jumps ahead and studies upper-level courses upfront bears a high risk of not understanding the material and, thus, wasting time and money. It's even harder to finish CS degree early in TCU since most of the courses are offered in Fall semesters only or Spring semesters only. Thus, a regular student will earn CS degree in 4 years given that he/she does not drop any required class along the way.

Knowing that I only have 3 years of scholarship, I've attempted to graduate earlier by taking senior courses even though I'm still a junior. Not only did I pass all the required courses, but I also achieved high results with my major GPA being 3.917. However, my scholarship only lasts for 3 years, from Fall 2014 to the end of Spring 2017. I still need an extra semester (Fall 2017) to complete CS degree as well as fulfill TCU Core Curriculum.

Attached with this letter is my Degree Plan. Following are courses that I'm going to take in Spring 2017 and Fall 2017:

- Spring 2017:
 - COSC 30353: Microprocessor based digital system
 - COSC 40023: Data Mining and Visualization
 - COSC 40053: Computer and Network Security
 - COSC 40203: Operating Systems
 - COSC 40993: Senior Design Project
- Fall 2017:
 - COSC 40603: Compiler Theory
 - A Literature course that fulfills both Humanity and Literature Core Credits.

Should you have any question, please don't hesitate to contact me via (714) 487-3245 or quang.nguyen787@tcu.edu

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Quang Nguyen.