

Manifesto

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Motivation

A lot was promised to Y11 and the subsequent batches, minors, double majors. But, two years later, we are still in a state of disarray with most minors being impossible to schedule. A similar case exists for the minors offered by our department. But perhaps, a solution could be achieved. With this hope, I am standing for this post.

Mission and vision

My main aim is to try to help in putting place a system in which one can effectively take advantage of the flexibility offered by the new ARC recommendations. To this end, I intend to propose the following:

- **Early declaration of minor:** Currently, our department has decided that the minor declaration be at the end of the 4th semester. I believe that it would be much more useful if the minor can be declared at the end of the 2nd semester, giving students much needed flexibility in scheduling of courses.
- **Restructuring of the course template:**
 - **Departmental electives:** Many courses in the DE1, DE2 basket require CS330 as a pre-requisite (CS425, CS433 etc.). It simply makes no sense to list them in the DE1, DE2 basket and then offer them in the odd semester. A 5th semester student can't do them (due to the CS330 pre-requisite) and a 7th semester student won't be following the course template if taking them.
 - **OE scheduling:** With most departments offering minors in which the courses are compulsory departmental courses, there are always going to be course clashes, despite the number of open electives being offered in the last 3 semesters. A possible solution to this problem is by spacing out the OEs over the 8 semesters and overloading the first two semesters above the normal load. The first two semesters are also especially important because there wouldn't be departmental clashes.
- **Removal of the credit difference between ESO207A and CS210A:** Both ESO207A and CS210A should be announced as a single course. This would greatly help other departmental students wishing to pursue a minor in CSE.