Reply

No-visit

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Thanks for your interest in visiting UIUC.

You have an impressive record and share some common research interest with us.

Unfortunately, there are too many visiting scholars/postdocs/students who have communicated with me for visits.

Due to the very limited visitor space that the department can provide for each professor, I will not be able to take more visitors in the next two years.

I am sorry and hope you will find a good place for your visiting research.

Regards,

-Jiawei Han, Professor, CS, UIUC

No intern:

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Thanks for your interest. You have an impressive academic record. Unfortunately, we have no summer internship program.

Especially, I myself will be traveling a lot in the summer, and most of my students will be out for summer interns.

Please try to contact other professors.

Good luck and best regards,

-J.

Discouraging grad appl.

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Thanks for your interest.

I would discourage you to apply for my PhD to save your time and money since I have got too many students already.

I am planning to take only a very small number of new students in the coming recruiting season from out of 300+ applicants and I have a few extremely strong candidates who are applying already (including my current MS students).

Good luck for your grad. application.

-J.

General reply

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Thanks for your interest.

You have an interesting academic and research record.

I am planning to take only 1-2 new PhD students and 1-2 new MS students in the coming recruiting season out of ~300 applicants since I have got too many students already.

So it will be a very tough competition if you want to try.

Good luck,

-J.

Grad appl. Reply+

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Thanks for your interest.

You have an interesting and strong academic and research record.

I am planning to take only 1-2 new PhD students and 1-2 new MS students in the coming recruiting season out of ~300 applicants since I have got too many students already.
So it will be a very tough competition. Still, we believe you are competitive based on your record. Let's keep in touch and hope you will have good luck!

-J.

Thanks for your interest in the graduate program at UIUC.

At CS UIUC, graduate admission is handled by a graduate admission committee consisting of a good number of professors from different research areas.

Every applicant will be evaluated by at least three of them independently and discussed by the whole committee.

The evaluation is based on your academic merit, including your school, GPA, reference letters, research publications, and TOEFL/GRE scores.

No individual professor can by-pass this evaluation process. Once you are admitted, financial support (for PhD students) is guaranteed.

You should also bear in mind that CS of UIUC is an internationally reputed CS department, and the graduate admission is very selective.

Your background and research interests look interesting. Since we already have a good number of students in our lab, we will have only a very small number of openings in the coming season.

You will be competing with the very best applicants internationally for these positions. Still, we believe you are competitive. Let's keep in touch and hope you will have good luck!

Regards,

-J

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No admit
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Thanks for your interest in our graduate program.

Your background and research interests look interesting. And your record is impressive as well. However, since we already have a good number of students in our lab, we have only a very, very small number of openings.

You are competing with the best applicants internationally for these positions. Unfortunately, based on the current evaluation, your case may not be promising. I am sorry to tell you so frankly.

Please do not be discouraged since you are competing with 300+ applicants. Hope you will have good luck in other campuses.

Regards,

-JH

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Decline anything:

Thank you very much for your kind invitation.

Unfortunately, I have to decline it since I have been too heavily committed with too many duties. I have been serving on over 10 conference program committees in multiple research areas every year, reviewing over 150-200 papers every year.

I have been teaching Coursera courses, online Master program data mining MOOC courses, plus my regular large classes in UIUC, with at least 500+ students each year altogether.

I have been serving as Project Leader of a research network center supported by ARL and also Director for an NIH BD2K Center, and both duties are extremely busy.

Further, I have been supervising 20+ graduate students at CS/UIUC as adviser, with constant meetings and discussions.

Moreover, I have to write many grant proposals in order to find funds to support the program.
Finally, I have many roles in the department/universities and there are tons of duties and responsibilities as well.

Currently I have been running behind the schedule with many duties.

I really apologize for not being able to take one more additional workload.

Hope you can understand it.

Wish every success of your work.

Best regards,

-Jiawei Han

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No supervision
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Thanks for your interest.

Your background and research interests look interesting. However, since I am supervising a large number of students, I will have no time to supervise more.

Moreover, for anyone who is willing to be supervised, you must take CS412 and CS512 and get at least one A+ and one A, which will give you sufficient training for subsequent work.

After finishing the course work, you also need to find a PhD student who is interested in working with you

Hope you will have good luck for your study and work!

Regards,

-JH

First taking courses

Dear

Thanks for your interest.

Your record looks interesting. Since I already have a large group of students working with me, I will not be able to take more students at this point. However, I would encourage you to first take CS412 (Intro to data mining) and then CS512 (Advanced data mining) courses before approaching me since I will need students to first being educated on the basic knowledge before getting into any concrete task. For CS512, it is a research intensive course and will be a good chance to do some preliminary research under my guidance by taking the course. It is offered every Spring semester and will need CS412 as a prerequisite. I will expect anyone who contacts me afterwards should get A or A+ in both courses.

Regards,

-J.

CS412 registration

Thanks. I am not teaching CS412 this Fall. Please contact the CS412 course instructor Dr. Qi Li for it.

Regards,

-J.

I am not teaching CS412 this semester. You should discuss this with the instructor Dr. Qi Li. Based on my knowledge, there is no additional opening and you may have to try to register it in the next semester.
Thanks,
-J.

Thanks for your interest in CS412. Since this is a very popular course, it is hard to get a seat. However, it is offered in every semester: Spring, Summer and Fall, and you should be able to register in some other semesters.

We do not take wait-list. I am usually sympathetic to students with good GPA, and will allow students with good standing to register in the 3rd week by opening an "overflow" 3-credit session of a limited size (i.e., you can get into the classroom only if there is additional seat but you will be treated otherwise the same, including attending regular exams, by allocating additional exam classrooms). But you have to keep attending the lectures and trying to get in by then.

Thanks,
-J.

Greetings

Thanks for your greetings.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family too!
-Jiawei

Thanks for your greetings.
Happy New Year!!
Hope you and your family have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018!
-Jiawei

Thanks for your greetings and Happy Chinese New Year to you and your family too!
-Jiawei

Thanks for your greetings. I really appreciate it. Hope you will achieve great success in your career!
Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family too!
-Jiawei

CS412/CS512 Waiting

Thanks for your interest in taking my course this coming Fall/Spring semester.

Due to that there are very many students interested in this course, the 200 seats of the class room have been fully booked and 75 seats of overflow online section A3 and A4 are also fully booked.

We know that there are still many students who cannot get in even the overflow sections. Please wait and try in the first two weeks of the class to see if there are any students who would drop the class. We will discuss with the department to see if any more seats could be opening but there is no guarantee that all the students who would like to get in could be in.

Regards,
-Jiawei Han

CS512 registration
Thanks for your interest in taking CS512 in the Spring semester.

Due to that there are very many students interested in this course, the maximal allowed number of seats of the classroom have been fully booked.

Currently, no-one can add more registrations into this class.

Please wait and try in the first two weeks of the class to see if there are any students who would drop the class.

Regards,
-Jiawei Han

No reference letter

Thanks for asking me to write a reference letter.

Since I have a large number of graduate and undergraduate students (30+) and have been in charge of the Data and Information Systems (DAIS) area in CS, UIUC, with over 50-60 graduate students, I have been receiving a very large number of letter writing requests. Plus letter requests from many colleagues from other departments and campuses. I usually have to write over hundreds of letters every year.

With this load, I have to decline additional letter writing requests. Moreover, if I have not worked with you closely, I can only write something very vague.

I am sorry for it and hope you will find some better people to write good letters for you.

Good luck!
-JH

book manual

Thanks for your interest in the book manual.

This book is a textbook and based on the agreement with the publisher, only the professors verified by the publisher can get the manual from the publisher. I have no authorization to release to anyone, for whatever reason, based on the contract. I am sorry that I cannot provide you the manual.

If you are a professor or teacher who teaches the course, you should contact the publisher to get it. I was told for course instructors, the person you need to contact is: Rees, Megan (ELS-BUR) [M.Rees@Elsevier.com]. However, their person in charge could change from time to time.

Regards,
-Jiawei Han, Professor, CS, UIUC

No Gplag code

Thanks for your interest in the GPlag algorithm and its implementation.

Unfortunately, we do not have the code of the program anymore.

The department erased the student’s hard-drive when the student graduated and the desktop computer was transferred to a new student.

However, the student who wrote the code got his hard-rive broken during his job relocation.

You have to reproduce this code with your own effort.
Regards,

-Jiawei Han, Professor, CS, UIUC

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Thanks for your interest.

Since GeoMiner was a system implemented by two students. It is essentially a research prototype. When the students graduated and left in 1998, the system stopped working with the newer versions of MS/SQLServer and MapInfo. It is not usable anymore.

I am sorry for it.

Regards,

-Jiawei

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Thanks for your interest. DBMiner was a research system implemented by my group and later transferred to a start-up company. Unfortunately the company was closed in 2005 or so. We do not have the source code nor the object code of the system.

I am sorry for it.

Regards,

-Jiawei