**Imigration & Emigration at CMU**

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**Themes**

I. At CMU, the grad student is King.  
II. Diving into research.  
III. Multi-faceted strength.

**Immigration Course (Weeks 1 & 2 full-time)**

- Please choose me!  
- This guy's good!  
- 80 professors give research talks.

**The Handshake – Week 6**

- Students and professors list top choices.  
- Try to give each student their 1st or 2nd choice.

**The Handshake – Week 6**

- Many students select 2 advisors!  
- Students may switch between several advisors.

**Diving into Research – Week 6**

- Students spend full-time on research  
- No weeding out. No qualifying exams.  
- Only 5 core class requirements + 3 electives  
- TA only 2 times.  
- Living the good life 😍
Black Friday

- Full 2-day meeting each semester
- Required attendance by all CS faculty
- Discuss all 150 PhD students, one by one...
- Output: Detailed advising letter from all faculty (like tenure review)

Strength Training

- SPEAKING SKILLS Hurdle
  - 1-hour talk to faculty & students
  - Common to fail once or twice
- WRITING SKILLS Hurdle
  - Paper written by student alone
  - 2 faculty (not advisor) must critique it.

Emigration Course - Final year

- “Finding an Academic Job”
- “Industrial Labs versus Academia”
- “Balancing Work and Family”
- “The 2-Body Problem”
- “How to Negotiate a Job Offer”
- we’re still growing this...

Thank You!