

PH.D. PLAN OF STUDY

Name: _____ PSU ID#

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Admission Term: _____ Email: _____

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DOCTORAL RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

The doctoral residency requirement can be satisfied in one of the following ways:

- Three terms of full-time enrollment (minimum 9 graduate credits) during the first two years after admission (may include one or more summer terms).
- Six terms of part-time enrollment (minimum 1 graduate credit) during the first two years after admission to the program (may include one or more summer terms).
- A doctoral student who was enrolled in the same major at PSU, and whose matriculation to the doctoral program immediately follows (within one calendar year) the master's degree program, may fulfill the residency requirement during the period in which the student was enrolled in the master's program.

Term	# of Credits	Term/Year Completed
1 st Term		
2 nd Term		
3 rd Term		
4 th Term		
5 th Term		
6 th Term		

BREADTH REQUIREMENT

18 credits

Review the [current PhD degree requirements](#). Students admitted prior to Fall 2025 can choose to follow the [old policy](#), and should ignore the leftmost column below.

COURSE CATEGORY	COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CR	TERM/YEAR	INSTITUTION
Area 1: Theory					
Area 2: Systems & Security					
Area 3: Data and AI					
Area 4: Programming & Apps					
Area _____					
Scholarship Skills	CS 669	Scholarship Skills	3		

ELECTIVES FROM FOCUS AREAS OR OTHER GRADUATE COURES

27 credits

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CR	TERM/YEAR	INSTITUTION

RESEARCH OR ELECTIVE COURSES

18 credits

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CR	TERM/YEAR	INSTITUTION

DISSERTATION RESEARCH CREDITS

University requires 27 credits of CS 603, which is encouraged to be taken
after advancement to candidacy.

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CR	TERM/YEAR	INSTITUTION
CS 603				
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Expected term for the comprehensive exam: _____

Expected term for the dissertation proposal defense: _____

Expected term for the dissertation defense: _____

This form has been completed and approved by:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Doctoral Program Director: _____ Date: _____

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

First Year

Breadth Courses

Elective Courses

Second Year

Plan of Study

RPE

Complete Core Courses

Third Year +

Continue research & elective courses

GO-16D: Dissertation Committee form

Dissertation Proposal

Request for advancement to candidacy

Dissertation
