

## PH.D. PLAN OF STUDY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PSU ID#

Admission Term: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### 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 <sup>st</sup> Term		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Term		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Term		
4 <sup>th</sup> Term		
5 <sup>th</sup> Term		
6 <sup>th</sup> 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 COURSES**

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **SUGGESTED SCHEDULE**

#### **First Year**

Breadth Courses

#### **Second Year**

Plan of Study

#### **Third Year +**

Continue research & elective courses

Elective Courses

RPE

GO-16D: Dissertation Committee form

Complete Core Courses

Dissertation Proposal

Request for advancement to candidacy

Dissertation

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