Doctor of Philosophy—Computer Science 2017-18

In addition to departmental requirements, candidates for graduate degrees must fulfill University requirements described in the ‘Graduate Education’ section of the UCSB General Catalog.
Time-to-Degree: 3 years to advance to candidacy, 6 years to complete the degree.

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Electives

Other Requirements

- 595N
- 596
- TA Requirement

- You must complete at least 8 graduate Computer Science courses with a cumulative GPA in these courses of at least 3.5, and a grade in each course of at least 3.0.
- You must select two courses in two areas and one course in the third area, as well as three electives. A list of the classified courses can be found on the Ph.D. webpage.
- The Faculty Research Seminar (CS 595N) is required your first year.
- 4 units of CS 596 is required your first year.
- One quarter TAship in an undergraduate course is required.

Overall study plan must be endorsed by your Faculty Advisor and the CS Department Graduate Advisor.

Exceptions: Students who enter the Ph.D. program with prior graduate coursework can petition to satisfy up to three 200-level coursework requirements with previous coursework, subject to approval from the department's Graduate Affairs Committee.
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Graduate Advising & Affairs Committee Chair Signature

*Required only for exceptions*
ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY

After selecting an area of research, a student forms a doctoral committee to supervise dissertation research. The doctoral committee must be chaired by a tenure-track faculty member from the Department and should include a minimum of 3 UC Academic Senate Members; 2 (including the chair) must be in Computer Science, although faculty from other UCSB departments may also be members. At least two members of every doctoral committee must be tenure-track faculty. In special circumstances, non-UCSB faculty may be members. After the doctoral committee approves a student's proposed major area, a major area examination tests the student's knowledge of this area and any necessary supporting areas. As a part of this oral examination, a student submits a set of relevant papers from the major area and prepares a brief presentation. Passing this examination allows this student to advance to candidacy for the doctoral degree.

Major Area Exam passed on (date): __________________

After passing the major area examination, a student prepares a dissertation proposal that describes the dissertation topic, summarizes the relevant background literature, and presents a comprehensive research plan for the doctoral dissertation. The dissertation proposal examination determines the feasibility of the research plan and the appropriateness of the research topic.

Proposal passed on (date): __________________

The final examination is the defense of the candidate's dissertation, which consists of a public seminar and an evaluation by the candidate's doctoral committee on whether the student has successfully defended the dissertation.

Defense passed on (date): __________________

**Doctoral Committee:**

Chair: ____________________________

Member: __________________________

Member: __________________________

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