**Doctor of Philosophy—Computer Science 2018-19**

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

**Name:** _______________________________ **Perm number:** ________________________

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**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 course requirements with previous coursework, subject to approval from the department’s Graduate Affairs Committee.
Student Signature
Date

Faculty Advisor Signature
Date
Print Name

Department Graduate Advisor Signature
Date
Print Name

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: ________________________

Member: ________________________