

Department of Computer Science Kent State University

Doctoral Plan of Work

Name (first/middle/last): _____ ID: _____

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A Doctoral student must complete 60 graduate credit hours beyond the Master's degree - 30 credits of which are CS 89199 Dissertation I and 30 credits (excluding Dissertation I and II) are coursework at the 70000 level or above. Only nine credits of CS 89098 Research or CS 89991 Research Seminar in Computer Science may count towards the degree (however students can take more than nine credit hours of these courses).

This Doctoral Plan of Work must be submitted to the Graduate Coordinator within 18 months of entrance to the Doctoral program however, it is recommended the plan be completed as soon as possible. The Plan of Work defines the required coursework in the form of Major and Minor Concentrations. The Major Concentration consists of three courses (nine credits) selected by the advisor that the student must successfully complete. This represents a depth of knowledge in the main research area of the student. The Minor Concentration consists of three additional courses the student (with advisor approval) selects and must successfully complete. This represents depth and/or breadth in related research area(s). The Plan of Work can be modified with approval of the advisor and Graduate Coordinator.

Semester admitted to Doctoral Program: _____

This document revises a previous Plan of Work (yes no). Date of previous plan: _____

Major Concentration

Three courses that form the major research area:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Minor Concentration

Three courses that form a minor in a related area(s):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Approvals:

Advisor

Name	Signature	Date
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Graduate Coordinator

Name	Signature	Date
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Additional Requirements

CS 89191 Doctoral Seminar

Students must take three credit hours of CS 89191 Doctoral Seminar and make a public presentation of project and/or research work (excluding Dissertation Defense and Candidacy Examination) at least two times before graduation. The presentation must take place in the Doctoral Seminar at least one full term before graduation and not more than two years after entering the program. The Doctoral Seminar is offered for one or two credit hours; therefore the student must enroll in this course at least two times. This course can be taken multiple times but only three credit hours count toward the degree.

Coursework

A total of twenty-seven credits of course work, beyond the Masters, is required for the degree (27+3 of seminar = 30). Up to nine credit of CS 89098 Research or CS 89991 Research Seminar may count towards the degree.

Candidacy Examination

The Candidacy Examination is a comprehensive examination in the field of the major subject. The format of the Candidacy Examination will be determined by the student's Candidacy Examination Committee, which is composed of the student's advisor and two other graduate faculty members. The Candidacy Examination Committee must be approved by the Graduate Coordinator. The student must complete the Candidacy Examination at least one year before the Dissertation defense.

Dissertation

A Dissertation describes original research performed by the student. The Dissertation topic must be approved by the advisor and Graduate Coordinator. A Dissertation committee, made up of graduate faculty, must be formed to assess the quality and value of the work. A public Dissertation defense is made by the student. The final Dissertation and defense must be approved by the advisor and Dissertation committee.

- CS 89199 Dissertation I (30 Credits)
- Approved written Dissertation
- Public Defense and examination

Notes

- The Plan of Work will be kept on file by the Department. The student shall receive a copy.
- Changes to the Plan of Work should be noted and explained in an attached document.
- Changes must be approved by advisor and graduate coordinator. A copy of changes shall be given to the student.