

Instructions

The MSCS Program of Study form is used to specify the courses that you will take to complete the program. Typically, you have to file the Program of Study form twice:

- The first one is submitted before you complete 9 credits of coursework in the program and describes what you would like to study;
- The second one is submitted near the time of graduation and specifies the courses that you actually took (or are taking) to complete the program.

You may wish to file a new form before you take any course not approved on your current program of study, especially if you need some exception. Each time a program of study is approved, it supersedes any previously approved program of study.

Please fill out this form electronically except for signatures; this will make the form easier to read.

The form should list only courses carrying graduate credit that you are using to meet the requirements of the program. Keep in mind the following guidelines when choosing your courses:

- Meet with your advisor to ensure that you have a coherent set of courses.
- The minimum credit requirement is 31 graduate credits, comprising:
 1. EAS 701 (Effective Academic Writing), 1 credit
 2. At least 15 credits of 700-level CompSci courses.
These credits must include 3 credits of an “integrative” course: CompSci 995 or a 700-level CompSci course from the Day 2 Qualifying Examination courses.
 3. Up to 9 graduate credits of courses selected from the pre-approved list of non-CompSci courses.
 4. The remaining credits from any CompSci courses with graduate credit.
- All courses you take and plan to use toward your degree must be approved prior to registration on the Program of Study with the appropriate signatures.
- You must have satisfied all undergraduate requirements before obtaining the degree.

If your program of study deviates from these guidelines, you will need to send a “Request for Exception” (RFE) form along with this form, and your advisor must add a written response to the exception requested.

Approval

Complete this form, sign it and send it to your advisor. Once the advisor is satisfied, they should sign it and then send to the graduate office, typically by email to ceas-graduate@uwm.edu. The graduate office will consult with the graduate program representative (GPR) and get their approval, or refer it back to you and your advisor for correction. In any case, you will be notified of the approval decision.