



M.S. in Computer Science

Program of Study Form for the Thesis Option

STUDENT NAME: _____ UWM ID: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ Phone: _____

Courses

30 credits total; 24 credits of 700-level and up and 6 other graduate level credits

Course (number and title)	Term	Credits
CS 700 (CEAS Graduate Seminar)		3
CS 704 (Analysis of Algorithms)		3
CS990(Master's Thesis)		
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Signature Section (Signature/Date)

Student : _____

Advisor: _____

Graduate Program Representative: _____

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 also file a new form midway through the program if you've made significant changes to your program of study (e.g. you decided to switch from a non-thesis to a thesis option, etc.). Each time a program of study is approved, it supersedes any previous program of study approved.

The form should list *only* courses that you are using to meet the requirements of the program. Do *not* list deficiency courses or excess credit courses. Keep in mind the following guidelines when choosing your courses:

- Meet with your advisor to ensure that you have a coherent set of courses.
- Your list of courses must have a total of 30 credits. Of the 30 credits, 24 credits must be 700-level or higher level courses including a 3 credits of CS 700 (CEAS Graduate Seminar), CS 704 (Analysis of Algorithms) and 6 credits of CS 990 (Master's Thesis).¹ The remaining 6 credits can be of any level as long as they carry graduate credit.
- Any CompSci graduate courses at UWM can be part of your program of study. However, you should have no more than 9 credits of CS 790 "topics" courses. An exception can be made to this rule if a topics course taken previously has since been made a regular graduate course.
- You can include courses from other departments and other institutions but make sure that you seek permission from your academic advisor *before* taking such a course and then fill a new Program of Study with the appropriate signatures. Otherwise, you risk not receiving credit for the course.

Approval

The graduate program representative (GPR) will check that the MSCS program requirements are met and that any deviation is properly and appropriately explained. The GPR will ensure that if the proposed program of study requires exceptions to UWM Graduate School rules it is accompanied by a "Request For Exception" form.

¹ In the case of CS 990, you must split the 6 credits into at least two semesters because you can only register for at most 4 credits in any one semester.