

PETITION FOR ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE (MS ATC - for Ph.D. students)

Graduate Division policy states that if you would like to receive the MS while in the Ph.D. program this MUST be done **prior** to you doing your Oral Exam. Policy states that Master's ATC must occur prior to the doctoral ATC. If you already have a CS Masters Degree from another institution or if you have a MS degree in a related field (either from UCLA or elsewhere) you are ineligible for the UCLA CS MS degree.

DEADLINE: No later than the end of the 2nd week of the quarter in which the M.S. degree is Degree to be awarded. Refer to current academic calendar for specific date.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FORM

A useful reference for this document is the student's completed (and approved) Proposed M.S. Program of Study form and/or a current student transcript (or current grades posted on URSA).

- Degree title: **Master of SCIENCE**
- Major: **0201 Computer Science**
- Specialization: **Computer Architecture, Artificial Intelligence, etc. (or leave blank)**
- Indicate whether you're completing the **Thesis Plan** or the **Comprehensive Examination Plan**.
- Foreign Language: **NOT REQUIRED**
- In Section 1, "Required Graduate Courses:" List in chronological order all 200-level courses. List 100-level courses in Section 2, "Elective Courses."
- **Do not include CS 201, CS 298, or CS 596 in the list of courses. Include CS 598 courses only if you are following the Thesis Plan.**
- Students may include on this form courses in progress for the current term. (Leave "Grade" column blank.) The Registrar's Office will verify grades prior to approving your advancement to candidacy.
- Please attach a copy of your unofficial transcripts with the 9 courses highlighted that you plan to use for the MS Program of Study
- To access the ATC form please visit: <https://grad.ucla.edu/academics/masters-studies/masters-advancement-to-candidacy-petition/>
- Complete and return the ATC form along with the other forms below by the deadline to the Graduate Student Affairs Office (GSAO) for review and approval by the Vice-Chair for Graduate Programs.

UCLA Computer Science Department
PROPOSED M.S. PROGRAM OF STUDY

Student name: _____ UID: _____
last first

Email: _____ Date: _____

(Planned) Term of completion of all course work: _____ Major Field: _____

<<< Refer to the other side of this form for more information. >>>

Indicate the plan you will be following to complete the M.S. degree:

THESIS PLAN - PLAN I

List a total of 9 courses. 7 must be formal courses (taken for letter grades), and at least 4 of the 7 must be 200-level courses in Computer Science. 2 courses (or 8 units) must be CS 598, which involves work on the thesis. The remaining 3 courses are elective courses, which may be 100- or 200-level courses in Computer Science or 200-level courses in a related discipline, i.e. Electrical Engineering, Statistics, Bioinformatics, etc. **DO NOT include CS 201 seminars.**

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION PLAN (MS PROJECT) - PLAN II

List a total of 9 courses. At least 5 courses must be 200-level courses in Computer Science. (Taken for letter grades). 500-level courses cannot be applied. The remaining 4 courses are elective courses, which may be 100- or 200-level courses in Computer Science or 200-level courses in a related discipline, i.e. Electrical Engineering, Statistics, Bioinformatics, etc. **DO NOT include CS 201 seminars.**

PLEASE LIST COURSES IN ORDER OF TERM OF COMPLETION. ONLY COURSES WITH A FINAL GRADE OF B- OR HIGHER MAY BE USED.

(Planned) Term of Completion	Course No.	Final Grade	Course Title (For 598s give instructor's name)	Units Earned
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
	4.			
	5.			
	6.			
	7.			
	8.			
	9.			
MUST TOTAL 36 UNITS:				

Student Advisor: _____
printed name signature date

Graduate Vice Chair approval (signature/date): _____

REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete a total of 9 courses towards the Master of Science Degree in Computer Science. Students may choose to either follow the Thesis Plan or the Comprehensive Examination Plan.

THESIS PLAN - PLAN I

A total of 9 courses are required to fulfill the requirement towards the M.S. degree under Plan I: 7 must be formal courses (taken for letter grades), and at least 4 of the 7 must be 200-level courses in Computer Science. 2 courses (or 8 units) must be CS 598, which involves work on the thesis. The remaining 3 courses are elective courses, which may be 100- or 200-level courses in Computer Science or 200-level courses in a related discipline, i.e. Electrical Engineering, Statistics, Bioinformatics, etc.

(CS 201 seminars cannot be applied towards the 9 courses).

CS 2xx (4 units)	CS 598 (4 units)	Elective (4 units)	MS Thesis
CS 2xx (4 units)	CS 598 (4 units)	Elective (4 units)	
CS 2xx (4 units)		Elective (4 units)	
CS 2xx (4 units)			

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION PLAN (MS PROJECT) - PLAN II

A total of 9 courses are required to fulfill the requirement towards the M.S. degree under Plan II: At least 5 courses must be 200-level courses in Computer Science (taken for letter grades). 500-level courses cannot be applied. The remaining 4 courses are elective courses, which may be 100- or 200-level courses in Computer Science or 200-level courses in a related discipline, i.e. Electrical Engineering, Statistics, Bioinformatics, etc.

(CS 201 seminars cannot be applied towards the 9 courses).

CS 2xx (4 units)	Elective (4 units)	MS Comprehensive Exam (MS Project)
CS 2xx (4 units)	Elective (4 units)	
CS 2xx (4 units)	Elective (4 units)	
CS 2xx (4 units)	Elective (4 units)	
CS 2xx (4 units)		