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Requirements for the PhD Degree in the field of Computer Science

PhD Degree Program

For general university requirements, please see Doctoral Degrees (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-doctoral-degrees/). For additional requirements, regulations, and procedures for all graduate programs, please see All Graduate Students (https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/). Students pursuing the PhD degree in the field of Computer Science must:

- Meet departmental course requirements as described in the Computer Science Department's graduate student handbook available under Graduate Programs > Graduate Handbook on the department website (https://www.cs.rice.edu/academics/graduate-programs/phd-program/).
- Complete a COMP 590 project by the end of the third semester.
- Pass a qualifying examination in an area of specialization within seven semesters after entering the PhD program.
- Conduct original research, submit an acceptable PhD thesis proposal, and successfully defend the thesis proposal.
- Submit an acceptable PhD thesis that reports research results and pass a final oral defense.

The PhD degree is for students planning to pursue a career in computer science research and education. The doctoral program normally requires four to six years of study.

The requirements listed in the General Announcements (GA) satisfy the minimum requirements for this degree program. In certain instances, courses (or requirements) not officially listed here may be substituted upon approval of the program's academic advisor, or where applicable, the department or program's Director of Graduate Studies. Course substitutions or any exceptions to the stated official curricular requirements must be approved by the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (https://graduate.rice.edu/). Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

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Policies for the PhD Degree in the field of Computer Science

Department of Computer Science Graduate Program Handbook

The General Announcements (GA) is the official Rice curriculum. As an additional resource for students, the department of Computer Science publishes a graduate program handbook, which
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can be found here: https://gradhandbooks.rice.edu/2022_23/Computer_Science_Graduate_Handbook.pdf

Financial Assistance
Fellowships and research assistantships are available to students in the PhD program. Both provide a monthly stipend for the academic year and cover all tuition expenses. More substantial monthly stipends may be available during the summer for students working on departmental research projects. In all cases, continued support is contingent on satisfactory progress in the program. PhD students also are expected to assist in the teaching and administration of undergraduate and graduate courses.

Transfer Credit
For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (https://oa.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/#transfer). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines
Students pursuing the PhD degree in the field of Computer Science should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guidelines:

• Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director on an individual case-by-case basis.

Additional Information
For additional information, please see the Graduate Programs website at https://www.cs.rice.edu/academics/graduate-programs (https://www.cs.rice.edu/academics/graduate-programs/) or contact the department at gradapp@rice.edu.

Opportunities for the PhD Degree in the field of Computer Science

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