COMPUTER SCIENCES,
DOCTORAL MINOR

ADMISSIONS

Students planning to minor in computer sciences should consult with the department’s Doctoral Minor Advisor.

All Graduate School students must utilize the Graduate Student Portal in MyUW to add, change, or discontinue any doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. To apply to this minor or certificate, log in to MyUW, click on Graduate Student Portal, and then click on Add/Change Programs. Select the information for the doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate for which you are applying.

REQUIREMENTS

To obtain a doctoral minor, students must earn at least 9 credit hours in computer sciences courses, meeting the following requirements.

- All credits counted are for courses numbered 400 or above, excluding COMP SCI 400 Programming III
- At least 3 of the credits counted are for a course that involves a significant amount of programming in a structured language, such as C, C++, or Java. All courses that transitively depend on COMP SCI 400 Programming III meet this requirement.
- At least 3 of the credits counted focus on an area of COMP SCI not closely related to the student’s major, as deemed by a member of the Graduate Advising Committee.
- At least 3 of the credits counted are for a course numbered 700 or above that is not an individual instruction course, was taught by a full time faculty member in COMP SCI, and for which the student received a grade on the A–F scale of at least B.
- At most 3 credits counted are for individual instruction courses, which are courses with a middle digit 9 that are intended for independent study or research.
- No credits counted are for thesis courses. These are courses with the last two digits 90 that are intended for thesis or project work.
- All credits counted have received a satisfactory grade.
- GPA of the credits counted is at least 3.00.
- No more than 5 credits counted are for coursework completed more than five years prior to admission to the PhD program; no credits counted are for coursework taken 10 years ago or more.

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