## Graduate College Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Requirements

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### Core Requirements

- **CS 5113** Computer Organization and Architecture 3
- **CS 5313** Formal Language Theory 3
- **CS 5323** Design and Implementation of Operating Systems II 3
- **CS 5413** Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis II 3
- **CS 5513** Numerical Computation 3

**Total Hours Subtotal:** 15

### Research Specialization

Select 12 hours from one area of CS at the 6000 level, excluding CS 6000.

**Hours Subtotal:** 12

### Secondary Area of Study

Select 6 hours in one area of CS at the 6000 level, outside the area of specialization and excluding CS 6000.

**Hours Subtotal:** 6

### Electives

Select 6 hours of elective CS courses at the 5000-level or above.

**Hours Subtotal:** 6

### Other Requirements

Twenty-one hours from:

- **CS 6000** Doctoral Dissertation 21

**Total Hours Subtotal:** 21

**Total Hours:** 60

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1. For Ph.D. students who have not earned a master’s degree, at most one grade of “C” in a core course is acceptable providing it is offset by a grade of “A” in another core course.

2. A student who has completed a master’s degree at another university may petition to have one or more of the OSU core courses waived in favor of equivalent graduate-level course(s) taken elsewhere. The question or whether or not a course at another university is equivalent to an OSU core course is entirely up to the judgment of the department.

3. These elective hours cannot include any courses claimed Core Requirements, Research Specialization or Secondary Area of Study, nor may they include any courses used on the plan of study for a master’s degree, nor may they include any hours of CS 5000 or of CS 6000.

4. Students who have not completed a master’s degree must satisfy the above elective requirements in this item plus the elective requirements for the master’s degree (under the thesis option) in this department.