Example Plan of Study 1 – Fall Admits

Fall 1		Spring 1	
Course	Hours	Course	Hours
Breadth Track I (class 1)	3	Breadth Track I (class 2)	3
Breadth Track II (class 1)	3	Breadth Track II (class 2)	3
Introduction to Research	3	Problems in Computer and Cyber Sciences	3
Subtotal	9	Subtotal	9
Fall 2		**Spring 2**	
Course	Hours	Course	Hours
Breadth Track III (class 1)	3	Elective	3
Breadth Track I (class 3) or Breadth Track III (class 2) or Breadth Track IV (class 1)	3	Elective	3
Dissertation Research	3	Dissertation Research	3
Subtotal	9	Subtotal	9
Fall 3		**Spring 3**	
Course	Hours	Course	Hours
Elective	3	Research Exposure	3
Dissertation Research	6	Dissertation Research	6
Subtotal	9	Subtotal	9
Fall 4		**Spring 4**	
Course	Hours	Course	Hours
Dissertation Research	9	Dissertation Research	9
Subtotal	9	Subtotal	9
		Total Hours in Program: 72	

All classes will be in person. The program can be finished with a minimum of 8 terms and 72 credits, and in a maximum of 7 calendar years. Note that tracks I, II, and III (and optionally IV) can match to different tracks listed in the curriculum depending upon the student. Registration in summer will be optional – however, if a student is supported as GRA or GRATA in summer, they must register for 9 credits. Only research classes (dissertation research, problems in computer and cyber sciences, research exposure and independent study) are expected to be offered in summer. If a student registers for 9 credits in summer, it will be counted as one of the terms towards the minimum of 8 terms requirement.

Example Plan of Study 2 – Spring Start

Spring 1			Fall 1		
Course	Hours		Course	Hours	
Breadth Track I (class 1)	3		Breadth Track I (class 2)	3	
Breadth Track II (class 1)	3		Breadth Track II (class 2)	3	
Introduction to Research	3		Problems in Computer and Cyber Sciences	3	
Subtotal	9		Subtotal	9	
Spring 2			**Fall 2**		
Course	Hours		Course	Hours	
Breadth Track III (class 1)	3		Elective	3	
Breadth Track I (class 3) or Breadth Track III (class 2) or Breadth Track IV (class 1)	3		Elective	3	
Dissertation research	3		Dissertation Research	3	
Subtotal	9		Subtotal	9	
Spring 3			**Fall 3**		
Course	Hours		Course	Hours	
Elective	3		Research Exposure	3	
Dissertation Research	6		Dissertation Research	6	
Subtotal	9		Subtotal	9	
Spring 4			**Fall 4**		
Course	Hours		Course	Hours	
Dissertation Research	9		Dissertation Research	9	
Subtotal	9		Subtotal	9	

Total Hours in Program: 72

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The following table explains the timeline and responsible parties.

No.	Degree Step	Timeline	Required Prior Step	Responsible Party
1	Academic Advisor Assigned	1st Semester	None	Graduate Director
2	Research Project Examination	2nd – 3rd semester	1	Academic Advisor (student can change)
3	Choose Dissertation Advisor	2nd – 4th semester	2	Graduate Director
4	Choose Dissertation Committee	3rd – 5th semester	3	Advisor, Graduate Director
5	Finish all non-dissertation credits	5th – 7th semester	None	Advisor
6	Dissertation Proposal	6th – 8th semester	4,5	Dissertation Committee
7	Dissertation Defense	8th – 10th semester	6	Dissertation Committee