2017-2018 Graduate Calendar

The information published in this Graduate Calendar outlines the rules, regulations, curricula, programs and fees for the 2017-2018 academic years, including the Summer Semester 2017, Fall Semester 2017 and the Winter Semester 2018.

For your convenience the Graduate Calendar is available in PDF format.

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The School of Computer Science offers an MSc degree in Computer Science. The program emphasizes both academic and applied research that can contribute to further research, academic studies, industry partnerships, and government programs. The MSc degree encompasses professors at the cutting edge of their fields, course offerings covering a wide range of computer science areas, and competitive financial incentives to eligible students.

There are four main fields that students can study in. However, interaction with other disciplines is encouraged and many of our professors work in collaboration with both industry partners and other Schools/Departments at the University of Guelph. The fields are:

- **Applied Modelling (AM):** Students working in this field will engage in research on topics such as graph theory and algorithms, formal specifications, hardware-software co-design, and interdisciplinary work in environmental modeling and disease spread modeling.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** Students working in this field will engage in research on topics such as Bayesian techniques, artificial neural networks, evolutionary computation, fuzzy systems, data mining, pattern recognition, and intelligent agents.
- **Distributed Computing (DC):** Students working in this field will engage in research on topics such as parallel computing, distributed systems, embedded systems, multi-agent systems, mobile computing, wireless networks, and ad hoc networks.
- **Human Computer Interaction (HCI):** Students working in this field will engage in research on topics such as context-aware systems, usability, interface design, and mobile and ubiquitous computing.

The School of Computer Science also offers an Interdisciplinary PhD degree in Computational Sciences. More information on can be found at: Computational Sciences.

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### MSc Program

The MSc is offered in the fields of: 1) applied modelling; 2) artificial intelligence; 3) distributed computing; and 4) human computer interaction.

### Admission Requirements

Most spaces are filled in March for entry the following September, and in October for entry the following January. Prospective students should check the School of Computer Science website [http://www.socs.uoguelph.ca](http://www.socs.uoguelph.ca) for admission procedures and deadlines.

### General Requirements

To be considered for admission, applicants must have a four-year honours degree in computer science, or a four-year honours degree in another discipline with a minor in computer science. Applicants must meet the minimum admission requirements for both the university and the School of Computer Science, including at least a 75% average during the previous two years of full-time university study for a degree. In addition to the university and School of Computer Science requirements, applicants must also submit (i) a current CV and (ii) a statement of research that would normally include the following sections:

- Specific research interest with justification.
- Academic and/or practical research experience.

### Course Requirement

Entrants who have a four-year honours degree in another discipline and a minor (or equivalent) in computer science must have taken at least 12 courses as described below. University of Guelph equivalents are given for comparison as appropriate.

(A) Seven prescribed courses:

- An introductory programming course (CIS*1500).
- An intermediate programming course (CIS*2500).
- An object-oriented programming course (CIS*2430).
- A software systems development course (CIS*2750).
- A course on data structures (CIS*2520).
- A course on discrete structures (CIS*1910 or CIS*2910).
- An introductory course in calculus (MATH*1200).

(B) Three core courses at the second-year or higher level selected from the following:

- A course on hardware and/or assembly language (CIS*2030).
- A course on digital systems (CIS*3120).
- A course on simulation and/or modelling (CIS*2460).
- A database course (CIS*3530).
- An operating systems course (CIS*3110).
- A computer algorithms course (CIS*3490).
- A course on automata theory (CIS*3150).
- A statistics course (STAT*2040).

(C) Two elective courses at the third-year or higher level:

- These courses should be related to the applicant’s proposed research area. They can be from a discipline other than computer science if deemed relevant by the proposed supervisor.

Applicants who meet requirements (A) and (C) but who do not meet requirement (B) may be granted provisional admission, i.e., they may be granted admission with the provision that they take specified courses within a specified time and achieve grades above a specified threshold.

### English Proficiency

A test of English proficiency is required of all applicants whose first language is not English. Please refer to the University of Guelph Admission Requirements.

### Degree Requirements

Once a student has been admitted to the MSc program, the following components are required for the successful completion of the MSc degree:

- Completion of the Technical Communication and Research Methodology course (CIS*6890) and at least four other graduate courses

- Completion of the seminar requirement.

- An accepted thesis.

### Duration of the Program

The MSc degree is a two-year program during which students complete five courses, give a public seminar and complete and successfully defend a thesis. Heavy emphasis is placed on the thesis, which usually requires at least two semesters. Students should plan on spending at least four full-time semesters (16 months) in the program assuming adequate preparation for graduate work.

### Course Requirement
An MSc student is required to take the Technical Communication and Research Methodology course CIS*6890 and at least four other CIS graduate courses. Of these four courses, at least two should be outside of the student’s thesis topic area. This area and the courses which fall outside of this area are identified by the student’s advisor. With approval from the Graduate Program Committee, a CIS graduate course requirement may also be met by a non-CIS graduate course or by a 4000-level course. At most one reading course (CIS*6660) and at most one 4000-level course can count towards the course requirement.

Seminar Requirement
An MSc student must give one publicly announced research seminar on his/her MSc thesis research. The student will be allocated times and dates for the seminar. It must be attended by the student’s advisor and at least one other member of the student’s Advisory Committee.

The quality of the presentation is graded on a pass/fail basis. The MSc seminar requirement is intended for students to practice presentation and communication skills and to participate in the process of knowledge dissemination as part of the academic life.

**Thesis Defence**
Arrangements for the MSc thesis defence should be made at least four weeks prior to the anticipated date of the defence, and the student must submit his/her MSc thesis to the Examinations Committee at least two weeks prior to the defence. The examination consists of an oral presentation by the student followed by questions from the Examination Committee.

**Courses**

**Core Courses**
The core graduate courses are designed to be accessible to any student with an appropriate background in Computer Science and will provide enough introduction for those unfamiliar with the specific area to allow them to keep up with the advanced material.

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**Advanced Courses**
The advanced graduate courses are taught with the assumption that the student has sufficient background in the research area to understand the advanced concepts and research ideas. Students who intend to take a course for which they have insufficient background should consult with the instructor prior to enrollment in the course.

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