

Course Selection and Registration Instructions

Graduate Studies in Computer Science: 2017-2018

PROGRAM OVERVIEWS

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Computer Science

The core requirements of the Doctoral program are 1) The successful completion of a written and an oral qualifying examination; 2) The completion and successful defense of a thesis that is based on original research; and 3) The successful completion of a minimum of four one-term elective courses satisfying the following criteria:

- A minimum of two courses from each field.
- A minimum of two courses must be taken from the courses offered by the program. The remaining courses may, with the approval from the Graduate Program Director at his or her sole discretion, be taken from another graduate program at Ryerson or another recognized university.

In addition to the above requirements, candidates must be registered in, and attend, six terms of a non-credit seminar course, present seminars based on their research program and successfully complete (or have previously taken) a research methods course and a method of instruction course.

Candidates may also be required to take courses to cover any missing components in their background preparation.

Candidates who were accepted to the program without a research-based master's degree will be required to take a total of eight graduate courses.

Master of Science (MSc) in Computer Science

Students are admitted to the MSc program in either the Thesis option or Course option, which have the following requirements:

Thesis Option:

- 4 elective courses
- Thesis
- Attendance at departmental seminars and giving at least one public presentation in addition to the thesis defence

Course Option:

- 8 elective courses
- or
- 6 elective courses
 - Major research paper
 - Attendance at departmental seminars and giving at least one public presentation

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CLASS SCHEDULE

1. Scheduling Parameters: Graduate classes typically have a 3-hour block schedule and meet once a week for a total of 12 weeks of classes in a term. Course schedules will vary from year to year. The first week of classes, last week of classes and the final examination period in each term are listed in the School of Graduate Studies Significant Dates (<http://www.ryerson.ca/graduate/current-students/important-dates/>).
2. Confirmed Course Schedules: All class schedules are centrally planned by the Registrar's Office (RO). Confirmed class schedules will be posted on Ryerson's Administrative Management Self Service (RAMSS) system and the Program web site: <http://www.ryerson.ca/science/programs/graduate/computerscience/>. Normally, Fall term schedules are available online at the end of August, Winter term schedules at the end of December, and Spring/Summer term schedules at the end of April. Before the confirmed schedules are released by RO on the web, the program may provide TENTATIVE schedule information on the program web site. Such information is subject to change.

COURSE REGISTRATION

Registration (enrolling and dropping) for most courses is done by the student through RAMSS. The Registrar's Office provides instructions and support to help with this: <http://www.ryerson.ca/RAMSSsupport/>.

To enroll in a Directed Studies course, a restricted course, or a course offered by a teaching department other than Computer Science, the student must complete and submit a "Directed Studies/Restricted Courses Request Form" to the Graduate Program Administrator. This form can be found on the Program web site: <http://www.ryerson.ca/science/programs/graduate/computerscience/>. Restricted courses include: Research Methods, Method of Instruction and the Seminar course.

To drop a Directed Studies or restricted course, the student must send an email request to the Graduate Program Administrator.

Course registration (add and drop) dates will be published on the School of Graduate Studies Significant Dates page: <http://www.ryerson.ca/graduate/current-students/important-dates/>. Typically, Fall term course registration will start at the end of August, Winter term course registration will start in the middle of December, and Summer term course registration begins in the middle of April. Directed Studies/Restricted Course requests should be submitted at least 5 business days prior to the last date to add a course for the term, and a request to drop such a course should be submitted at least 5 business days prior to the last date to drop a course for the term.

Students are academically responsible for the courses they are registered in. Please double-check your course registration on RAMSS each term. Should you find any error in your course registration, please inform the Program Administrator immediately.

Students may change course selection and registration on or before the final dates to add and to drop courses established in each term. Final dates to ADD and DROP courses are listed on the Yeates School of Graduate Studies Significant Dates web page: <http://www.ryerson.ca/graduate/current-students/important-dates/>.

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WEB LINKS:

Program Curriculum and Course Descriptions:

<http://www.ryerson.ca/graduate/current-students/calendars/>

Yeates School of Graduate Studies – Significant Dates:

<http://www.ryerson.ca/graduate/current-students/important-dates/>

Directed Studies/Restricted Courses Request Form:

<http://www.ryerson.ca/science/programs/graduate/computerscience/>