Progress Requirements
For Computer Science Graduate Students

The following requirements will apply to CSCI graduate students according to their classification. The requirements for part-time students represent a baseline that applies to all graduate students. Any departure from these requirements must be requested well ahead of time in the form of a written appeal to the Graduate Programs Committee.

• Part-Time Student

The Department of Computer Science is supportive of students who wish to attend graduate school part-time. To ensure satisfactory progress, ALL graduate students are required to register for at least 3 semester hours of CSCI coursework for fall/spring term. However a MAMS student may take courses in the MAMS core which are offered by other MAMS departments. Similarly, a Ph.D. student may take courses in his/her minor.

• Full-Time Student

A full-time student must take minimum 9 to 18 semester hours during each fall or Spring Semester enrolled, and minimum 6 semester hours during each summer term enrolled. 9 hours of coursework during the regular academic year and 6 hours during summer must be in Computer Science with the exception of Ph.D. minor courses.

• Student Holding an Assistantship

A student holding an assistantship must take 12 to 15 semester hours during each fall or spring Semester enrolled, and 9 semester hours during each summer term enrolled.

• Student on an F-1 Visa

A student on an F-1 visa must take 9 to 18 semester hours during each fall or Spring Semester enrolled, and 6 to 18 semester hours during each summer term enrolled. An exception may be made for a student completing all degree requirements except the thesis/technical report. The student must have completed all coursework on his/her program of study excluding CSCI 7100/7300/9300, and he/she must have also passed all required exams except the oral thesis/dissertation defense. In order to be considered for this exception, he/she must submit to the Graduate Coordinator a written request to reduce the hours requirement to 3.

• Working While on an F-1 Visa

Please refer to the Handbook for International Students available from the Office of International Education at 1324 S. Lumpkin Street Athens, GA 30602; https://isl.uga.edu/