

Progress Requirements For School of Computing (SOC) Graduate Students

The following requirements will apply to SOC 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 School of Computing 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 credit hours of CSCI coursework for fall/spring term or summer terms.

- **Full-Time Student**

A full-time student must take 9 to 18 credit hours during each fall or spring semester enrolled, and minimum 6 credit hours during each summer term enrolled. In the fall/spring academic semesters, 9 credit hours of coursework and 6 credit hours during summer, must be in Computer Science.

- **Student Holding an Assistantship**

A student holding a teaching or research assistantship must take 12 to 15 credit hours during each fall or spring semester enrolled, and 9 semester hours during each summer term enrolled. These credits must be graduate level @6000 level or above. Students are permitted to work a maximum of 20 hours per week in a single or combined positions.

- **Student on an F-1 Visa**

A student on an F-1 visa must take 9 to 18 credit hours during each fall or spring semester enrolled, and 6 to 18 credit 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.

Working While on an F-1 Visa

Please refer to Office of Global Engagement, 1324 S. Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA 30602. 706-542-2900. <https://globalengagement.uga.edu/uga-departments/international-students>. Refer questions to immigration@uga.edu

- **Students in their last semester**

In your last semester, minimum 3 semester hours of graduate credit are required for registration in which degree requirements are to be completed. You must have the MS or PhD Core Competency form approved with School of Computing, and Program of Study form approved with the Graduate School, prior to your last semester and prior to submitting the *Request to Reduce Course Load* through Compass (international students only). RCL is one-time request only. In order to be considered for this exception, he/she must submit to the Graduate Coordinator a written request to reduce the hours requirement.