

Naval Postgraduate School  
 Department of Computer Science  
 Graduation Checklist for MSCS Degree (368)  
 6203P Subspecialty Code  
**Version May 2024**

Name/Rank/Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month/Year Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CS Specialization:    AI        CO        CSD        SwE        N&M        MOVES

**General Notes:**

- *Students are responsible for meeting the requirements and timelines of this checklist.*
- *Indicate courses already completed and populate “planned QTR” for future coursework.*
- *See the Projection of Advanced Course Offerings on the CS Website (curriculum tab) to assist with course planning.*
- *Track electives must be entered into Python as “curricular electives”, whereas non-track electives (breadth elective or validation replacements) are entered as “general electives”*
- *Students may petition the Academic Associate for one additional thesis block to replace validated coursework IAW the Academic Policy Manual Section 6.6.2.*
- *Any “Directed Study” coursework must not constitute a proxy for additional thesis blocks. Directed Studies may support a student’s thesis research, but must comprise study of an academic subject.*

**1. Thesis/Capstone:** *Proposal must be approved by end of the 4<sup>th</sup> academic quarter (not counting Qtr-0). Proposal must be approved in order to take CS0810 thesis research blocks.*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Advisor / Second Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Core Courses:** *All of the courses below must be completed or validated to graduate.*

<u>Completed</u>	<u>Planned Qtr</u>
___ CS2011 Computing System Principles (4-0)	_____
___ CS3040 Low-Level Programming I (3-2)	_____
___ CS3001 Formal Foundation of Computer Science (3-2)	_____
___ OS3307 Modeling Practices for Computing (4-1)	_____
___ CS3200 Computer Architecture (3-2)	_____
___ CS3021 Intermediate Programming & Data Structures (4-1)	_____
___ CS3502 Computer Communications & Networks (3-2)	_____
___ CS3070 Operating Systems (3-2)	_____
___ CS3600 Introduction to Computer Security (4-1)	_____
___ CS3140 Low-Level Programming II (3-2)	_____
___ CS3101 Theory of Formal Languages and Automata (5-0)	_____
___ CS3310 Artificial Intelligence (4-1)	_____
___ CS4900 Technology & Transformation I (2-0)	_____

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- CS3250 Intro to Cyber Physical Systems (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS3150 Design and Analysis of Algorithms (5-0) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS3060 Database Systems (3-1) \_\_\_\_\_
- SW3460 Software Methodology (4-1) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS3315 Introduction to Machine Learning and Big Data (3-1) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS3004 Human-Computer Interaction (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS4903 Research Methods in CS (2-0) \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Specialization:** All CS students must complete one of the following specialization tracks. Circle choice, and initial each completed course or annotate when it will be taken. **Variations or combinations of any area are permissible, subject to Coordinator and/or Thesis Advisor approval.**

- **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI):** (Coordinator: Dr. Rowe)

- Students must take the following AI Core Sequence:* Planned QTR
- CS4321 Deep Learning (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - CS4323 Bayesian Methods for Neural Networks (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - CS4330 Introduction to Computer Vision (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - CS4340 Trustworthy and Responsible Artificial Intelligence (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - MV4025 Cognitive and Behavioral Models for Simulations (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_

*In addition, students must choose one of the following AI electives:*

- CS4313 Advanced Robotic Systems (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS4324 Adversarial and Secure Machine Learning (4-0) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS4333 Current Directions in Artificial Intelligence (4-0) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS4931, CS4922, or CS4923 (if at least 4-0 or 3-2 and related to AI);  
this includes Marko's and Adam's courses \_\_\_\_\_

- **CYBER OPERATIONS (CO):** (Coordinator: Dr. Irvine)

- Students must take the following CO Core Sequence:* Planned QTR
- CS3690 Network Security (4-1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - CS4679 Advances in Cyber Security Operations (4-1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - CY4700 Applied Defensive Cyber Operations (3-3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - CY4710 Adversarial Cyber Operations (3-3) \_\_\_\_\_

*In addition, students must choose two of the following CO electives:*

- CS4558 Network Traffic Analysis (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS4600 Secure Computer Systems (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS4648 Advanced Cyber Munitions (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS4678 Advanced Cyber Vulnerability Assessment (4-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS4684 Cyber Security Incident Response & Recovery (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_

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• **CYBER SECURITY & DEFENSE (CSD):** (Coordinator: Dr. Irvine)

<i>Students must take the following CSD Core Sequence:</i>	<u>Planned QTR</u>
___ CS3670 Secure Management of Systems (3-2)	_____
___ CS3690 Network Security (4-1)	_____
___ CS4600 Secure Computer Systems (3-2)	_____
___ CY4700 Applied Defensive Cyber Operations (3-3)	_____

*In addition, students must choose two of the following CSD electives:*

___ CS4558 Network Traffic Analysis (3-2)	_____
___ CS4615 Cryptographic Protocol Design and Attacks (3-1)	_____
___ CS4648 Advanced Cyber Munitions (3-2)	_____
___ CS4677 Computer Forensics (3-2)	_____
___ CS4678 Advanced Cyber Vulnerability Assessment (4-2)	_____
___ CS4684 Cyber Security Incident Response & Recovery (3-2)	_____
___ CS4538 Mobile Device and Wireless Security (3-2)	_____

• **MOVES:** (Coordinator: Dr. C. Darken)

Students interested in a CS degree with a focus on Modeling, Virtual Environments and Simulation (MOVES) may choose the MOVES Option as their Specialization. *Students will work with their Advisor(s) to create a six-course sequence applicable to this specialization area. Their course plan must be listed below, and approved by the MOVES Specialization Coordinator.* List course and Planned QTR, if applicable:


• **NETWORK & MOBILITY (N&M):** (Coordinator: Dr. Xie)

<i>Students must take six of the following N&amp;M classes:</i>	<u>Planned QTR</u>
___ CS4552 Robust and Secure Network Design (3-2)	_____
___ CS4554 Tactical network Modeling & Survivability (3-2)	_____
___ CS4555 Machine Learning in Data Networks (3-2)*	_____
___ CS4558 Network Traffic Analysis (3-2)	_____
___ CS4535 Mobile Devices (3-2)	_____
___ CS4537 5G and Wireless Data Services (3-2)	_____
___ CS4538 Mobile Device and Wireless Security (3-2)	_____
___ CS4615 Cryptographic Protocol Design and Attacks (3-1)	_____

A student may substitute up to two of these electives to support their thesis topic, as approved by the student's thesis advisor (list course *and* Planned QTR, if applicable):

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• **SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (SwE):**

(Coordinator: Dr. Luqi)

*Students must choose six of the following SwE electives:*

Planned QTR

- SW4530 Software Engineering R&D in DoD (3-1) \_\_\_\_\_
- SW4555 Engineering Network Centric Systems (3-1) \_\_\_\_\_
- SW4582 Weapon System Software Safety (3-1) \_\_\_\_\_
- SW4590 Software Architecture (3-1) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS3910 Science of Programming (4-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS4340 Trustworthy and Responsible Artificial Intelligence (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS4313 Advanced Robotic Systems (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- CS4678 Advanced Cyber Vulnerability Assessment (3-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- CY4710 Adversarial Cyberspace Operations (3-3) \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Breadth Elective:** *All CS students must complete one breadth elective (general elective consisting of any 3000 or 4000 level course not in the core nor taken to fulfill a specialization requirement). This course is listed below:*

\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Additional Military Requirements:**

**All U.S. Navy Line Officer students (except Engineering Duty Officers) must complete JPME Phase 1:**

- NW3230 Strategy & Policy (4-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- NW3275 Joint Maritime Operations Part 1 (4-0) \_\_\_\_\_
- NW3276 Joint Maritime Operations Part 2 (2-2) \_\_\_\_\_
- NW3285 National Security Decision Making (4-0) \_\_\_\_\_

**All U.S. Marine Corps students (may be dropped with concurrence of the Senior Marine Office; optional for U.S. Army students):**

- MN3331 Principles of System Acquisition & Program Management (5-1) \_\_\_\_\_

**International Military students (as required by the International Office):**

- IT1500 Informational Program Seminar for International Officers (4-0) \_\_\_\_\_
- IT1600 Communication Skills for International Officers (3-0) \_\_\_\_\_
- IT1700 Academic Writing for International Officers (2-0) \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Credit Hour Requirements:**

- 40 graduate credit hours at 3000 or 4000 level, with at least 12 of those hours at the 4000 level
- 28 of the 40 graduate credit hours must be in CS, MOVES, SW courses

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**7. Student Certification:** I certify that the information on this form is correct, and that I have completed all requirements for the MSCS degree, with any course deviations from my Specialization sequence listed below (must be approved by the Specialization Coordinator).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Thesis Advisor approval:** Specialization courses above are approved.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Program Officer final review:** Checklist complete.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Indicated course number is projected, awaiting finalization by the Academic Council. Course description is not resident within the Academic Catalog, contact the appropriate Track Manager for course details if desired.