

COMPUTATIONAL MEDIA
Requirement Checklist for Doctor of Philosophy

Last _____	First _____	Student ID _____
Email _____	Advisor _____	Start Quarter _____

OVERALL REQUIREMENTS FOR A PHD

<p>TASKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete 15 credits of core courses <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate competence in media creation <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate competence in programming <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate competence in interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> Complete at least 20 credits of topics courses <input type="checkbox"/> Pass First-Year Examination <input type="checkbox"/> Pass Comprehensive Exam (CMPM 206/297) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass Qualifying Exam/Advance to Candidacy <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and defend dissertation 	<p align="center">Quarter Completed</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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DEGREE COURSES		ADDITIONAL COURSES	
CORE	Quarter Passed	Course	Quarter Passed
CMPM 201	_____	CMPM 206	_____
CMPM 202	_____	CMPM 297	_____
CMPM 203	_____	_____	_____
TOPIC	Quarter Passed	_____	_____
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DISSERTATION	Date	CM Committee Members	_____
Qualifying	_____	_____	_____
Advanced	_____	Other Committee Members	_____
Defense	_____	_____	_____

INCOMPLETES PENDING		FAILED COURSES	
Course	Quarter	Course	Quarter
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PhD in Computational Media

Each student is required to complete at least 47 credits as follows:

Core Courses (15 credits)

- CMPM 201, History & Theory of Computational Media, 5 credits
- CMPM 202, Computational Media Research, 5 credits
- CMPM 203, Computational Media Methods, 5 credits

Topics Courses (20 credits)

- Four 5-credit graduate courses from Computational Media or affiliated departments. Cannot use CMPM 201, 202, or 203 toward this requirement.
- List of approved courses in the [CM Graduate Student Handbook](#).

Exam Courses (12 credits)

- CMPM 206, Computational Media Research Preparation, 2 credits
- CMPM 297B, Independent Study, 10 credits

Foundation Areas

- Demonstrated competence in media creation, programming, and interpretation in a CM context prior to completion of the Comprehensive Exam (end of second year).
- For more information, please see the [CM Graduate Student Handbook](#).

Exams

First Year Exam: Measures students' understanding of, and ability to synthesize and apply, core computational media knowledge (history, theory, research approaches, and evaluation methods). The first year exam must be taken the spring of the year the student finishes their Core Coursework (201, 202, 203), which is typically end of the first year.

Comprehensive Exam: Measures students' preparation to perform independent CM research. It should be taken by the end of the student's second year, and must be taken (for the first time) no later than the end of a student's third year in the program.

Qualifying Exam: Measures students' preparation to begin Ph.D. research. It should be taken by the end of student's third year in the program, and must be taken no later than the end of a student's fourth year in the program.

Dissertation

The Ph.D. dissertation is a significant contribution to the CM field. It may emphasize technical, media-creation, or interpretive aspects, but must have a significant secondary contribution from at least one of the other areas—and may also emphasize areas equally. It requires an oral defense before a faculty committee, as well as a final dissertation document reviewed by that committee (distributed to the committee before the defense, and revised after the defense in response to committee comments). The committee must include at least two members of the CM Department.

More information on all requirements can be found in the [CM Graduate Student Handbook](#).