

MS in CS (Thesis Option, No Concentration) Plan of Study Worksheet

Eight 3-credit courses required:

	<i>Course Type</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Fall 2025</i>	<i>Spring 2026</i>	<i>Summer 2026</i>	<i>Fall 2026</i>	<i>Spring 2027</i>
1	Core (CS 502 or 565)	Systems I					
2	Core (CS 503 or 536)	Systems II					
3	Core (CS 580 or 588)	Algorithms					
4	CS course from table ¹						
5	CS course from table ¹						
6	CS course from table ¹						
7	CS course from table ¹						
8	Other course from approved courses list ²						
Core Course Availability (2026 & 2027 courses tentative)			502, 536, 580, 588	502, 503, 536, 565, 580		502, 536, 580, 588	502, 503, 536, 565, 580

Six credits hours of research registration is also required, but not included on your plan of study:

<i>Course Type</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Fall 2025</i>	<i>Spring 2026</i>	<i>Summer 2026</i>	<i>Fall 2026</i>	<i>Spring 2027</i>
Research (CS 698) ³						

¹ Choose CS courses from at least two areas other than Systems 1, Systems 2 and Algorithms

² Choose 500 or 600-level elective course from [Approved Courses List](#); individual study courses are not acceptable

³ Students may register for CS 698 any session, including summer

- Select courses by consulting:
 - Area and Courses Table: <https://www.cs.purdue.edu/graduate/curriculum/masters.html>
 - CS Course Information: <https://www.cs.purdue.edu/academic-programs/courses/index.html>
 - Approved Elective Courses List: https://www.cs.purdue.edu/graduate/curriculum/approved_courses.html
- Contact the instructor if you are not sure you have the prerequisites (or check their homepage for textbook and syllabus information)
- CS Graduate Student Class Registration Guide: <https://www.cs.purdue.edu/graduate/registration.html>
- Drop/Add Deadlines Calendar: <https://www.purdue.edu/registrar/calendars/>
- **International students** are required by law to enroll in a full course of study, a minimum of 8 credit hours, for each Fall and Spring semester. Students are only required to register in the Summer semester if it is their first or last semester and then they must register for a minimum of 6 credit hours.