



COMPREHENSIVE COURSE REQUIREMENT FOR MSc (ESSAY)

MSc Essay student must complete a total 27 credits of coursework which satisfy the comprehensive course requirement and a 3-credit essay from UBC. To fulfill the comprehensive course requirement, the student must complete

- 27 credits of coursework in 5 research areas. The list of all research areas and related courses can be found at <https://www.cs.ubc.ca/grads/graduate-programs/phd-program/comprehensive-course-requirement/courses-research-area-comprehensive-course-requirement>
- At most 6 credits of coursework can be upper level undergraduate courses. All remaining required courses must be fulfilled with graduate course credits
- The minimum passing grade in any course taken by a student enrolled in a master's program is 60%. However, only 6 credits of courses with grades in the C to C+ range (60-67%) may be counted towards a master's program. For all other courses, a minimum of 68% must be obtained.

Students must submit this form to explain how they intend to fulfill the comprehensive course requirement part of the MSc Essay. It must be approved by the supervisor(s) and then sent for final approval to [the Graduate Office](#) (grad-admin@cs.ubc.ca, grad-info@cs.ubc.ca).

In exceptional cases, the constraints of covering 5 different areas can be waived, if the student with the approval of the supervisor must submit a good rationale for why the proposed courses still provide equivalent breadth, to be approved by the Graduate Affairs Committee.

Transfer credits

If the student has completed courses that were not used towards completion of another program, the student may request to transfer these course credits to the MSc program. If the request is approved by Faculty of Graduate & Post Doctoral Studies, these credits can be counted as part of the 27 credits of coursework towards the MSc program. Student should refer to <https://my.cs.ubc.ca/docs/transfer-credits> for information about how to transfer these credits.



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Name:	Advisor/Supervisor:
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Section 1: Students must select five courses in at least five different research area.

AREA	COURSE # and Name ¹	Level (Grad course / 3 rd yr undergrad / 4 th yr undergrad)	GRADE (if available)	DATE (eg.SEP98)	Department and UNIVERSITY
Area 1					
Area 2					
Area 3					
Area 4					
Area 5					

Section 2: The rest of the courses can be in any research area.

COURSE # and/or Name <small>These courses can be in any area including Area 1 to 4.</small>	Level <small>Grad or 3rd yr /4th yr undergrad</small>	GRADE	DATE <small>(eg.SEP98)</small>	NAME OF UNIVERSITY

Advisor's/Supervisor's Approval _____ Signature (Advisor(s) / Supervisor(s))	Approval of Graduate Affairs Committee: _____ Date:
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Switching courses: Student can change the course selection provided that the change has been approved by the supervisor(s). Once the supervisor(s) has approved the change, please email to the [Graduate Office \(grad-admin@cs.ubc.ca, grad-info@cs.ubc.ca\)](mailto:grad-admin@cs.ubc.ca) and cc your supervisor(s).

¹ no course should be listed in more than one area.