



Program Approval Form

For approval of new programs and deletions or modifications to an existing program.

Action Requested:

- Create New (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
- Inactivate Existing
- Modify Existing (check all that apply)
 - Title (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
 - Concentration** (Choose one): Add Delete Modify
 - Degree Requirements
 - Admission Standards/ Application Requirements
 - Other Changes: _____

Type (Check one):

- B.A. B.S. Minor
- M.A. M.S. M.Ed.
- Ph.D.
- Undergraduate Certificate*
- Graduate Certificate*
- Other:

College/School: Department:
 Submitted by: Ext: Email:

Effective Term: Fall **Please note:** For students to be admitted to a new degree, minor, certificate or concentration, the program must be fully approved, entered into Banner, and published in the University Catalog.

Justification: (attach separate document if necessary)

Program Title: (Required)
 Title must identify subject matter. Do not include name of college/school/dept.

Concentration(s):

Admissions Standards / Application Requirements:
 (Required only if different from those listed in the University Catalog)

Degree Requirements:
 Consult University Catalog for models, attach separate document if necessary using track changes for modifications

Courses offered via distance:
 (if applicable)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED:

Existing	New/Modified
Computational Sciences and Informatics, PHD	
See attached document	

*For Certificates Only: Indicate whether students are able to pursue on a Full-time basis Part-time basis

Approval Signatures

Department _____ Date _____ College/School _____ Date _____ Provost's Office _____ Date _____
Interdisciplinary Council Use Only

If this program may impact another unit or is in collaboration with another unit at Mason, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

Unit Name	Unit Approval Name	Unit Approver's Signature	Date

For Graduate Programs Only

Graduate Council Member _____ Provost Office _____ Graduate Council Approval Date _____

Description of Changes and Justification

1. On degree requirement of the credits breakdown

Current and track changes:

- 12 credits of core computational courses (scientific computing, databases, visualization)
- 33-35 credits of approved courses consistent with a concentration requirement, if applicable, and with the approval of the dissertation committee and the graduate coordinator, computational courses with at least 24 credits of CSI courses listed in the catalog
- 1-3 credits in CSI colloquium/seminar
- 24 credits in dissertation research

Justification: Three credits of seminars have been a big burden to our students, especially for part time students who have to take leave to take seminar classes in three semesters. We leave it two seminar credits as an option for students but and only one seminar credit as not required.

2. On Colloquium/Seminar (3 credits)

Current and track change: Students take 3 credits from CSI 898 or CSI 991 (courses may be repeated). A maximum of 3 colloquium/seminar credits from CSI 898 and/or CSI 991 may be applied toward satisfying the 48 credits course work requirement.

Justification: the same as in (1)

3. On Doctoral Research (24 credits)

Current and track change:

No more than 24 combined credits from CSI 998 and CSI 999 may be applied toward satisfying doctoral degree requirements, with a minimum of no more than 12 6 credits of CSI 998 999.

- CSI 998 - Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Credits: 1-12
- CSI 999 - Doctoral Dissertation Credits: 1-12 (minimum 3 credits at first registration)

Justification: provide flexibility for students who advance to candidacy at a later time.
