

D.Sc. Plan of Study Guidelines

Congratulations and welcome to the program! Please complete your Plan of Study (POS) and send it to your academic advisor at your earliest convenience. Refer to DSU policy (05-30-00) "Plan of Study", available at: <http://www.departments.dsu.edu/hr/newsite/policies/053000.htm>

In order to develop your plan of study, you will need the following:

- D.Sc. Plan of Study Template
 - http://www.dsu.edu/gradoffice/documents/POS-DSc-Student_name.xls
- D.Sc. Timeline and Key Milestones
 - <http://www.dsu.edu/gradoffice/documents/dsc-guidelines-timeline.pdf>
- D.Sc. Program Requirements
 - <http://www.dsu.edu/doctor-of-science/dsis-program-requirements.htm>
- D.Sc. Course Description/Summary (for course prerequisites information)
 - <http://www.dsu.edu/doctor-of-science/dsis-msis-required-courses.htm>
 - <http://www.dsu.edu/doctor-of-science/dsis-knowledge-courses.htm>
 - <http://www.dsu.edu/doctor-of-science/dsis-research-methods.htm>
 - <http://www.dsu.edu/doctor-of-science/dsis-specializations.htm>
- D.Sc. Course Rotation (for course offerings in each semester)
 - <http://www.dsu.edu/doctor-of-science/dsis-course-rotation.htm>

Also, please note the following:

- Make sure to designate your specialization of choice. You can select from (1) Healthcare Information Systems, (2) Decision Support, Knowledge and Data Management, and (3) Information Assurance and Computer Security.
- It is recommended that you enroll in at least 2 graduate level courses (3 credit hours each) and 1 credit hour research seminar, each semester. The number of courses you take in any one semester will affect your expected graduation date and the amount of time you can devote to the program. Refer to DSU policy (05-50-00) "Graduate Enrollment Status and Course Load", available at: <http://www.departments.dsu.edu/hr/newsite/policies/055000.htm>
- Please submit the course transfer requests as soon as possible to the Office of Graduate Studies and Research, and record the approved transfer requests on your Plan of Study.
- If you need the knowledge courses, such as INFS 608 and INFS 614, please make sure to schedule it during the initial semesters of your study. This may be followed by doctoral methodology courses and doctoral specialization courses.
- If you do not have a Masters degree in Information Systems, make sure you complete the MSIS core courses as early as possible in the program.
- Elective courses may be scheduled after the D.Sc. comprehensive exam.
- Ensure that the scheduled courses follow the published D.Sc. course rotation and satisfies appropriate course prerequisites and program requirements.

Please rename the POS file as "POS-DSc-<Your name>.xls" and send it to your academic advisor for approval.