INFORMATICS, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Informatics

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The Chair of the Governing Committee of the Informatics Ph.D. Program
will appoint the supervising committee to approve each student’s
program of study, which will be called the Advisory Committee (first half
of studies) and then the Dissertation Committee (second half of studies).
The membership of these committees should remain constant for each
half of the student’s studies, except in unusual circumstances, but may
change when it is constituted for the dissertation. In any case, changes
to the supervising committees must be approved by the Chair of
the Governing Committee. The supervising committee must contain faculty
with expertise in both the Applications area and the Foundations area
chosen by the student, including at least four faculty members affiliated
with the Informatics Program. The supervising committee will provide
each student with a review of his or her progress at the end of each
academic year.

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Entering with approved M.S. degree

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Masters Degree - Students entering without a Masters degree
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