



Change in Program from Ms/PhD to PhD Request form

Use this form to request a change in your degree program from Ms/PhD to PhD. Please complete and submit this form to the GPD for approval. This form should not be submitted until after you have completed your first semester at UMass. Please attach a copy of your transcripts (UMass and MS Program) to this form (an unofficial version is acceptable).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Your advisor here (or "unknown"): \_\_\_\_\_

Regarding the MS degree that you have already received:

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

UMass Coursework:

Course/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Course/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Course/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Course/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Program Committee Approval:

- APPROVED
DECLINED

GPD's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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For each of the following requirements of our MS degree, describe the corresponding requirement in your MS work or write “none” if there was none. If it is a course number, note which course number and title on your transcript satisfies it (if it is not in English, translate it). We do not require that your work align perfectly with the UMass requirements: you may have no work that aligns with a requirement, or may have completed a much more difficult requirement. This information makes it possible to evaluate degrees that are difficult to decipher from just a transcript.

- Core requirement in theory (one course).
- Core requirement in systems (one course).
- Core requirement in AI (one course).
- Fourth core requirement in theory, systems, or AI (one course).
- Four additional 3-credit courses at the 500 or 600 level (no more than two at the 500 level).
- Masters project (a 6-credit, semester-long research project that was examined by two faculty readers). Please describe how you have completed the equivalent in your previous degree program.
- If you completed other work for your MS degree (e.g., internships) beyond that we require, or if there is other information that may help us evaluate this request, please list highlights below.
- How did your background prepare you for the coursework at UMass?