

# INFORMATION STUDIES, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

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Doctoral students must complete a minimum of 27 graduate credit hours at the University of Maryland. Course work will be taken in three areas of study:

- Information Studies (9 credit hours)
- Research Methods and Design (9 credit hours)
- Specialized area(s) (9 credit hours)

**Advance to Candidacy:** In addition to course requirements, students must successfully pass a first-year review and submit an integrative paper.

**Post-Candidacy:** Complete at least 12 credits of INST899 as well as successfully defend and submit an original dissertation.

Course	Title	Credits
INST800	The Engaged Intellectual: An Introduction to Research and Academic Work	3
INST801	Theoretical and Epistemological Foundations in Information Studies	3
INST802	Pragmatic and Methodological Foundations for Information Studies	3
Select 9 additional credits of Research Methods and Design courses		9
Select 9 credits in a specialized area		9
Submit an integrative paper		
<b>Dissertation Research Requirement</b>		
INST899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>