

**To:** Cognitive and Information Sciences Faculty and Grads

**Re:** A note regarding SCS / CIS PhD requirements

**Date:** October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Colleagues, at the last CIS faculty meeting, we voted to approve the CIS program requirements, and we came to informal consensus on the rules for transitioning SCS students into CIS. I said I would email the consensus, here it is to my recollection. After getting feedback via email, we can finalize and post on the CIS internal docs site.

For students transitioning from the SCS program to the CIS program at the beginning of AY2011-2012, the following program requirements will be considered fulfilled:

For students starting their second year in residence in AY2011-12, the first year project requirement is considered fulfilled.

For students starting their third year in residence in AY2011-12, the first and second year project requirements are considered fulfilled.

All transitioning students may fulfill either the SCS or CIS Ph.D. course requirements in satisfaction of the CIS Ph.D.

Students who fulfilled any of the following requirements prior to AY2011-12 will be considered as having fulfilled them for the CIS program:

- Completed the equivalent of two 50% TA assignments
- Presented the equivalent of a technical public seminar with at least one CIS faculty member in attendance
- Passed the qualifying exam (corresponding to the integrative review papers)
- Advanced to candidacy

For students who have not yet fulfilled any of these requirements prior to AY2011-2012, including the dissertation, they must fulfill them according to the CIS program requirements to obtain the CIS Ph.D.