WPI DATA SCIENCE
Ph.D. MILESTONES in a NUTSHELL

1. Students admitted to the Data Science Ph.D. Program with a relevant M.S. degree complete 60 more credits of suitable work toward the Ph.D.

2. Students admitted to the Data Science Ph.D. Program with a B.S. degree complete 90 credits of relevant graduate work toward the Ph.D.

3. Students in the 90-credit track must complete the M.S. Data Science Thesis option.

4. Student and Academic Advisor prepare and submit Plan of Study for Ph.D. each year.

5. Students must meet the Ph.D. Core Course Competency requirements.

6. At least 30 credits must be research credits. Only after admission to Candidacy by passing the Research Qualifying Exam may a student receive credit toward Dissertation Research.

7. Students are required to Propose and Defend their Dissertation Research.

8. For full requirements: https://www.wpi.edu/academics/datascience/phd-requirements.html

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**MILESTONES**

1. ACADEMIC ADVISOR

2. PLAN of STUDY Must update each year

3. QUALIFYING EXAMINATION Within 1 year of Competency

4. DISCUSSION PROPOSAL <= 2 YEARS Ph.D. 60 & <= 4 Ph.D. 90

5. DISCUSSION DEFENSE

6. GRADUATE

<- form qualifier committee

<- form dissertation committee