

# Advancement to Candidacy for the Ph.D.

## Cognitive and Informational Sciences Graduate Group

**1) Complete all required core courses**

- Refer the Cognitive and Informational Sciences degree requirements

**Website:** <https://cogsci.ucmerced.edu/graduate-program/program-details>

**2) Submit Qualifying Examination Application to Graduate Division-Graduate Services**

- Submit the completed application a minimum of 30 days prior to the agreed upon Qualifying Examination date with your committee.

**Website:** <https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/faculty-staff-resources/forms-publications>

**Email:** [gradservices@ucmerced.edu](mailto:gradservices@ucmerced.edu)

**3) Submit Qualifying Examination Report to Graduate Division-Graduate Services**

- Submit the completed form within 30 days after the exam date

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**4) Advancement to Candidacy link is provided to the graduate student by the CIS Graduate Specialist once all the requirements are met.**

**5) Submit Advancement to Candidacy Form**

- Pay the Advancement to Candidacy fee

**6) Initial Graduate Division-Graduate Services review**

**7) Committee Member approvals**

**8) Graduate Advisor Approval**



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9) Graduate Group Chair Approval



10) Graduate Division Dean Approval



11) Division-Graduate Services will finalize and send an email to the student.

**\*If Masters Along the Way is selected, additional processing time is required.**



Please contact Graduate Services at [ssha.grad@ucmerced.edu](mailto:ssha.grad@ucmerced.edu) if you have any questions.