

MSP Core Course Selection Form

To attain a level of expertise that merits a PhD from the Materials Science Program at the UW Madison, a student must be well schooled in core disciplines that are fundamental to her/his chosen field and sub-specialty. One aspect of the Research Readiness Exam (RRE) is then to ensure that each PhD candidate has acquired a strong command of these fundamentals. These core disciplines are intended to be the fundamental areas of science and engineering, upon which the student's specialized research will be built. For this each PhD candidate must discuss these issues with their advisor in their first semester at UW Madison. They must then choose three graduate level courses (i.e. courses with numbers at the 300 level or above) that will form the core courses that are fundamental to their research specialization. The candidate will later be expected to demonstrate a strong working knowledge of these topics as part of their oral RRE.

My three core courses are (course number and title):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Student name and signature:

Advisor name and signature:

Date: _____