

Low Residency PhD Programs

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at FAU offers the following **low residency** PhD Programs:

- Online PhD in Computer Engineering
- Online PhD in Computer Science
- Online PhD in Computer Science with concentration in Data Science and Analytics
- Online PhD in Electrical Engineering
- Professional PhD in Computer Science

These low residency programs allow students to be physically present on campus for up to 4 weeks per semester after which students return to their home country to complete the work between semesters under the supervision of the course instructor and/or faculty advisor. Students are expected to start the on-campus residency no later than the second month of the semester.

On campus residency at FAU will allow students to:

- Meet the professors, attend classes, work on projects, take class exams
- Take the Qualifying Examination
- Meet with the dissertation advisor and conduct research
- Present the PhD progress report and/or PhD proposal to the committee members
- Present and defend the PhD dissertation

To find information about the curriculum of each program, please visit the website:

- Online PhD in Computer Engineering
(<https://www.fau.edu/engineering/eecs/graduate/phd/computer-engineering/>)
- Online PhD in Computer Science
(<https://www.fau.edu/engineering/eecs/graduate/phd/computer-science/>)
- Online PhD in Computer Science with concentration in Data Science and Analytics
(<https://www.fau.edu/engineering/eecs/graduate/phd/computer-science/>)
- Online PhD in Electrical Engineering
(<https://www.fau.edu/engineering/eecs/graduate/phd/electrical/>)
- Professional PhD in Computer Science
(<https://www.fau.edu/engineering/eecs/graduate/professional-programs/professional-phd/>)

Please note the following important aspects of the program:

1. FAU will issue an I-20 valid for the duration of the residency. International students enrolled in this low residency program will not be able to remain in the U.S. between residencies under the I-20 and/or F-1 visa.
2. Students must pay the SEVIS I-901 fee (\$350) for each residency. This will allow a new semester-specific I-20 to be generated and issued to the student.
3. Students in the low residency programs are not eligible for teaching assistantships, research assistantships, or the LAC scholarship.

4. No Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is available to international students enrolled in this program.
5. Students that are full-time on-campus for the last academic year are qualified to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT).

If you are interested in applying to a low residency program, please fill out the [Low Residency PhD Form](#).

Contact Us

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