Instructions for Graduate Study Plan Form for Digital Forensics (GN-02-DF)

The instructions in this document were prepared by Dr. Cihan Varol, Graduate Advisor for Department of Computer Science in Fall semester 2015.

This form is required and only for Master of Science in Digital Forensics.

- **Student’s Name** – your first name and last name as printed on your official identification card, e.g. passport
- **SAM ID** – your 9-digit SAM ID; if your ID is less than 9 digits, put zeros to the left to make it 9-digit
- **SHSU email** – your SHSU email address
- **Phone** – best phone number to contact you
- **Major and Minor** – DF and blank respectively
- **Provide GRE scores if you have**
- **Provide TOEFL and/or IELTS scores if you have**
- **Semester of Admission** – Fall 2015, for example
- **Research Supervisor** – if you do not have a research supervisor officially at this moment, leave it blank for now

**Designation of courses table**
- **Column “Required undergraduate stem work”** – normally all (equivalent) courses listed in this column are required before admission to graduate DF program can be granted; your acceptance notification email/letter or admission letter should indicate whether any of these courses must be taken and passed with specific grades in required semesters. Students not fulfilling these requirements may be subject to termination. Strike through (equivalent) courses that you have taken. If your acceptance notification email/letter and admission letter did not indicate any lack of stem work, you may strike through all courses in this column. Otherwise, leave those to be taken as required untouched. Also strike through those that are approved by graduate advisor, e.g. based on approved additional documents such as syllabi and course descriptions of equivalent courses taken previously for waiver of required courses.
- **Column “Senior Courses for Graduate Degree Credits”** – leave this column blank
- **Column “18 credits from Required Core Courses”** – all courses listed in this column are required and cannot be substituted; note that DFSC 6347 master project and comprehensive exams can only count up to 3 credits no matter how many times taken. Once you enroll in DFSC 6347 in a certain semester, you are required to enroll in all following semesters until you graduate with degree.
- **Column “18 credits from Elective Courses”** – 18 out of the total 36 credits come from electives; note that DFSC 5340 special topic courses can only count up to 6 credits.

- **Sign and date the form**

When you complete your part of the form, give it to your Graduate Advisor for review. You may give it to him in-person at AB1-216F or send him the form as attachment to cvarol@shsu.edu.