DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Ph.D. Program Checklist

ALL SEMESTERS

- Enroll in courses and/or research (6-9 graded credits per semester plus research credits)
- Register for 1 credit Graduate Seminar

Semester 1: Advisor & Research
- Enroll in at least 2 ME core courses
- Discuss research interests with faculty
- Begin work in research group
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Prepare for qualifying exam

Retake Qualifying Exam If Necessary (mid May if starting in August)

Semester 2: Start Research
- Pass written qualifying exam (early January if starting in August)
- Pass oral qualifying exam (within 6 months of passing written qualifying exam)
- Enroll in research and/or additional courses

YEARS 2 & 3

Form an Advisory Committee
- Choose 2 associate advisors
- Note: advisory committee guidelines (http://gradcatalog.uconn.edu/grad-school-info/advisory-system/)

Continue to Take Graded Courses Toward Your Degree

Upon Plan of Study Approval by Graduate School, Start Proposal

Complete a Minimum of 21 Credit Hours After the M.S. (excluding requirements for dissertation, language and minor area) and 15 Graded Research Credits

Prospectus Presentation (at least one year before graduation)

Prepare Dissertation

YEARS > 3

Complete at Least One Accepted and One Submitted Peer-reviewed Journal Paper
Your advisor may require more than the University’s minimum requirement

Dissertation Proposal/General Exam
- Provide a copy of proposal to advisory committee 1 week in advance
- Defend proposal
- Submit Proposal Hard Copy, Dissertation Proposal Approval, and General Exam Forms to Graduate School (at least 6 months before final Ph.D. defense)

FINAL DEFENSE

For a complete checklist of required steps visit: http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/doctoral-degree-program/dissertation-information/

Apply for Graduation in Peoplesoft During Last Semester

Provide Dissertation to Advisory Committee 2 Weeks in Advance of Defense

Defend Dissertation and Obtain Signatures of Advisory Committee

Complete ME Clearance Form includes: submitting pdf of thesis, and returning keys

Submit 1 electronic copy of dissertation to Digital Commons
Submit completed dissertation checklist, 1 approval page, final exam form, and receipt of earned doctorate survey to Graduate School

Announce Final Defense 2 Weeks in Advance on UConn and ME Event Calendars

Review Dissertation Submission Checklist in Link Above

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