



BME Ph.D. Program Checklist

ALL SEMESTERS

Enroll in courses and/or research (GRAD 6950)
(6-9 graded credits per semester)

YEAR 1

Semester 1: Advisor & Research

- Enroll in BME 6094 seminar course
- Discuss research interests with faculty
- Begin work in research group
- Select a track and required courses
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0

Semester 2: Start Research

- Prepare for qualifying exam (Year 2)
- Enroll in BME 6094 seminar & other required courses

YEAR 2

Year 2: Pass qualifying exam

- NIH-style written proposal and oral presentation

Form an advisory committee

- Choose 1 major advisor and 2 associate advisors. Guidelines: <https://gradcatalog.uconn.edu/grad-school-info/advisory-system/>

Continue to take graded courses toward your degree

Submit *Plan of Study* to the Graduate School (after 18 credits completed)

<https://grad.uconn.edu/forms/>

Upon *Plan of Study* approval by Graduate School, start proposal

YEARS > 3

Dissertation Proposal/General Exam

- Provide a copy of proposal to advisory committee 1 week in advance
- Defend proposal
- Submit general exam, proposal hard copy, and dissertation proposal approval forms to Graduate School (at least 6 months before final Ph.D. defense)

Prepare Dissertation

Complete 30 graded course credits,

- 15 graded research credits, and 2 publications

FINAL DEFENSE

For a complete checklist of required steps visit:

<https://registrar.uconn.edu/graduation/doctoral-degrees/#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

Announce final defense 2 weeks in advance on UConn and BME event calendars

Review dissertation submission checklist in link above

Submissions

- 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

Complete BME clearance form

Includes: submit PDF of thesis, return keys & provide exit survey.



Optional Professional Development Courses and Workshops

