



DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Ph.D. Program Checklist

ALL SEMESTERS

- Enroll in courses and/or research (6-9 graded credits per semester)
- Two credits of ECE 6094 seminar work are required of all PhD students
- Maximum of six credits of ECE 6099 (independent study) toward the required credits

YEAR 1

Semester 1: Advisor & Research

- Enroll in at least 2 EE core courses
- Discuss research interests with faculty
- Begin work in research group
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Prepare for general exams

Semester 2: Start Research

- Enroll in research credits (GRAD 6950) and/or additional courses

YEARS 2 & 3

Continue to Take Graded Courses Toward Your Degree

Form an Advisory Committee

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

Complete Written General Exams and Submit Report to Graduate School

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

Prepare Dissertation

Dissertation Proposal/Oral 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)

Complete 30 Graded Course Credits (or 15 beyond Masters)

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

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

Provide Dissertation to Advisory Committee 2 Weeks in Advance of Defense

Defend Dissertation and Obtain Signatures of Advisory Committee

Review Dissertation Submission Checklist in Link Above

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

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

