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 Ph.D. 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
### Form an Advisory Committee
- Choose 1 major advisor and 2 associate advisors
- Note: advisory committee guidelines ([http://gradcatalog.uconn.edu/grad-school-info/advisory-system/](http://gradcatalog.uconn.edu/grad-school-info/advisory-system/))

### Continue to Take Graded Courses Toward Your Degree

### Complete Written General Exams and Submit Report to Graduate School

### Upon Plan of Study Approval by Graduate School, Start Proposal
- Submit Plan of Study to the Graduate School (After 18 Credits Completed) ([http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/forms/](http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/forms/))

## YEARS >3
### Prepare Dissertation

### Complete 30 Graded Course Credits (or 15 beyond Masters)

## FINAL DEFENSE
### For a complete checklist of required steps visit: [http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/doctoral-degree-program/dissertation-information/](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

### Review Dissertation Submission Checklist in Link Above

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

### Complete CEC Clearance Form
- Includes: submitting pdf of thesis, returning keys

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