Dissertation and Dissertation Continuation Registration

Upon successful completion of the PhD qualifying exam and the required course work, the PhD candidate must register in two consecutive semesters for Dissertation (EECE 9990). Upon completion of this sequence, the student must register for Dissertation Continuation (EECE 9996) in every semester until the dissertation is completed. A student may not register for Continuation until he or she fulfills the two-semester sequence of Dissertation.

Registration Requirements for Predoctoral and PhD Candidate Graduate Assistants

The ECE department requires that predoctoral students and PhD candidates who hold research or teaching assistantships be registered full-time. Predoctoral PhD students may register for Research (EECE 9986) (zero credit, full-time equivalent) if needed to fulfill the registration requirement.

PhD Proposal Review

Each PhD candidate must demonstrate, by means of the proposal review, subject matter knowledge satisfactory for the award of the degree.

The proposal review is an oral presentation followed by a question-and-answer session administered by the student’s dissertation advisor/committee. The proposal review will be given at the time the student submits his or her dissertation proposal to the dissertation advisor/committee for approval. As part of this exam, the dissertation advisor/committee will review the student’s doctoral program and his or her performance in graduate courses, as well as examine the student on subject matter related to his or her graduate course work and dissertation subject area.

Final Dissertation Defense

The final dissertation defense will include the subject matter of the dissertation and significant developments in the field of the dissertation work. Other related fields may be included if recommended by the examining faculty. The dissertation defense must be scheduled at least six months after the PhD proposal review.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Milestones

Annual review (each fall semester after the student has been in the program for at least one year)
Qualifying examination
Dissertation committee
Proposal stage review
Dissertation defense

Core Requirements

Complete 16 semester hours of approved course work. At least 8 semester hours must be graduate-level EECE courses. Consult your faculty advisor for acceptable courses.

Dissertation

Complete the following (repeatable) course twice:

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Program Credit/GPA Requirements
16 total semester hours required
Minimum 3.000 GPA required