**DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

**Ph.D. Program Checklist with MS Degree**

**Structural Engineering and Applied Mechanics**

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### ALL SEMESTERS

- Enroll in courses and/or research (6-9 graded credits per semester)
- Register for CE 5010 (0 credits)

### YEAR 1

**1st Semester: Advisor & Research**
- Enroll in CE/STAM courses
- Begin work in research group
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0

**Form an Advisory Committee**
- Choose 1 major advisor and 2 associate advisors
- Note: advisory committee guidelines ([Found here](#))

**2nd Semester: Continue Research**
- Continue to enroll in CE/STAM courses
- Enroll in research (GRAD 6950) and/or additional courses

**Submit Plan of Study to the Graduate School (after 18 credits completed)** ([Found here](#))

### YEARS 2 & 3

- Continue to take graded courses toward your degree
- Pass General Exam (upon POS approval)

**Dissertation Proposal**
- Provide a copy of proposal to advisory committee and 2 additional faculty reviewers 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)

### YEARS >3

- Prepare Dissertation
- Complete required coursework (39 credits) and 21 research credits

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### FINAL DEFENSE

For a complete checklist of required steps visit: [https://registrar.uconn.edu/graduation/doctoral-degrees/](https://registrar.uconn.edu/graduation/doctoral-degrees/)

- Apply for graduation in Peoplesoft during last semester
- Submit CEE Ph.D. Dissertation Defense Scheduling Checklist ([Found Here](#))
- Announce final defense 2 weeks in advance on UConn and CEE event calendars
- Submissions
  - Submit 1 electronic copy of dissertation to Digital Commons
  - Submit completed approval page, final exam form, and receipt of earned doctorate survey to Graduate School
- Complete CEE clearance form ([Found Here](#))

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