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

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/

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

YEARS >3

Prepare Dissertation

Complete 30 Graded Course Credits (or 15 beyond Masters)

FINAL DEFENSE

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

For a complete checklist of required steps visit:
https://registrar.uconn.edu/graduation/doctoral-degrees/#dissertation-information

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

Announce Final Defense 2 Weeks in Advance on UConn and MSE 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