SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL, AEROSPACE AND MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING
Ph.D. Program Checklist

ALL SEMESTERS

☐ Enroll in courses and/or research (6-9 graded credits per semester plus research credits)
☐ Register for 1 credit Graduate Seminar

YEAR 1

Semester 1: Advisor & Research
☐ Enroll in at least 2 ME core courses
☐ Discuss research interests with faculty
☐ Begin work in research group
☐ Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0
☐ Prepare for qualifying exam

Semester 2: Start Research
☐ Pass written qualifying exam (early January if starting in August)
☐ Pass oral qualifying exam (within 6 months of passing written qualifying exam)
☐ Enroll in research and/or additional courses

YEARS 2 & 3

Form an Advisory Committee
☐ Choose 2 associate advisors
Note: advisory committee guidelines
https://gradcatalog.uconn.edu/grad-school-info/advisory-system/

Submit Plan of Study to the Graduate School
(After 18 Credits Completed)
https://grad.uconn.edu/forms/

YEARS >3

Complete a Minimum of 21 Credit Hours
After the M.S. (excluding requirements for dissertation, language and minor area) and 15 Graded Research Credits

Prospectus Presentation
(at least one year before graduation)

Prepare Dissertation

Complete at Least One Accepted and One Submitted Peer-reviewed Journal Paper
Your advisor may require more than the University's minimum requirement

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

Provide Dissertation to Advisory Committee
2 Weeks in Advance of Defense

Defend Dissertation and Obtain Signatures of Advisory Committee

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

Announce Final Defense 2 Weeks in Advance on UConn and ME 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