

PhD Program Requirements

[cee-phd-requirements.pdf \(usu.edu\)](#)
[cee-graduate-student-handbook.pdf \(usu.edu\)](#)

Year 1 – 1.5

- Develop Program of Study draft with major professor
- Draft Research Questions/Objectives
- Develop 1 page problem statement to distribute to committee
- Form Committee → Submit committee form
- Have 1st committee meeting to:
 - finalize program of study;
 - committee decide on format of Comprehensive Exam
- Submit program of Study form

By End of 3rd Semester (Year 1.5)

Complete Comprehensive Exam
(see [2017-cee-comprehensive-exam-policy.pdf \(usu.edu\)](#))

At least 1 year before Dissertation Defense

Complete and Defend Dissertation Proposal
(see [2017-cee-phd-dissertation-proposal-guidelines.pdf \(usu.edu\)](#))
Submit Application of Candidacy Form

4 weeks prior to scheduled thesis defense

Submit dissertation to committee

10 working days prior to defense

Submit Appointment for Examination Form

Dissertation Defense

MS Plan A Program Requirements

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First Semester (Year 0.5)

- Develop Program of Study draft with major professor
- Draft Research Questions/Objectives
- Develop 1 page problem statement to distribute to committee
- Form Committee → Submit committee form
- Have 1st committee meeting to finalize program of study
- Submit Program of Study form

By End 2nd Semester (Year 1)

- Complete Written Proposal (generally follow the PhD dissertation proposal guidelines)
(see [2017-cee-phd-dissertation-proposal-guidelines.pdf \(usu.edu\)](#))
- Hold proposal defense meeting with committee
- Complete Master's Thesis/Project Approval Form

4 weeks prior to scheduled thesis defense

Submit thesis to committee

10 working days prior to defense

Submit Appointment for Examination Form

Thesis Defense

ME Program Requirements

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Before First Semester (Year 0)

- Develop Program of Study draft with major professor
- Form Committee
- Submit committee form
- Have committee meeting to finalize program of study
- Submit Program of Study form