M.S. Program Checklist

### Plan A

**ALL SEMESTERS**
- Enroll in MSE graduate courses and/or research (research recommended but not mandatory)
- Full-time students register for MSE 6401 (1 credit)
- Students typically take 7-13 credits per term (depending on other responsibilities)

### SEMESTER 1
- Advisor & Research
  - Discuss research interests with faculty
  - Begin work in research group
  - Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0

### SEMESTER 2
- Form an advisory committee
  - Choose 1 major advisor and 2 associate advisors
  - Note: advisory committee guidelines [http://gradcatalog.uconn.edu/grad-school-info/advisory-system/](http://gradcatalog.uconn.edu/grad-school-info/advisory-system/)

### SEMESTER 3 AND BEYOND
- Continue to take graded courses toward your degree
- Upon Plan of Study approval by Graduate School, prepare thesis
- Complete 15 graded course credits (12 must be in MSE) and 9 graded research credits (MSE 5950)

### FINAL DEFENSE
- Submit Plan of Study to the Graduate School (after 18 credits completed)
  - [http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/forms/](http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/forms/)
- Complete 15 graded course credits (12 must be in MSE) and 9 graded research credits (MSE 5950)
- For a complete checklist of required steps visit: [http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/master-degree-program/](http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/master-degree-program/)

- Apply for graduation in Peoplesoft during last semester
- Provide thesis to advisory committee 2 weeks in advance of defense
- Defend thesis and obtain signatures of advisory committee
- Submit 1 electronic copy of thesis to Digital Commons
- Submit completed thesis submission checklist, 1 signed approval page, and final exam form