Ph.D. Program Checklist

ALL SEMESTERS
- Enroll in courses and/or research (6-9 graded credits per semester)
- Register for MSE 6401 (1 credit)

YEAR 1
Semester 1: Advisor & Research
- Enroll in at least 2 MSE core courses (5301, 5309, 5322, or 5334)
- 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 qualifying exam (early January)
- Enroll in research (MSE 6950) and/or additional courses

YEARS 2 & 3
- Form an advisory committee
  - Choose 1 major advisor and 2 associate advisors
  - Note: advisory committee guidelines [link]
- Serve as a grader for 2 semesters
- Continue to take graded courses toward your degree
- Upon Plan of Study approval by Graduate School, start proposal

YEARS >3
- Prepare Dissertation
- Complete 30 graded course credits and 15 graded research credits

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:
http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/forms/
http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/doctoral-degree-program/dissertation-information/

Inspections
- 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

http://www.mse. engr.uconn.edu/graduate-program/ph-d-program