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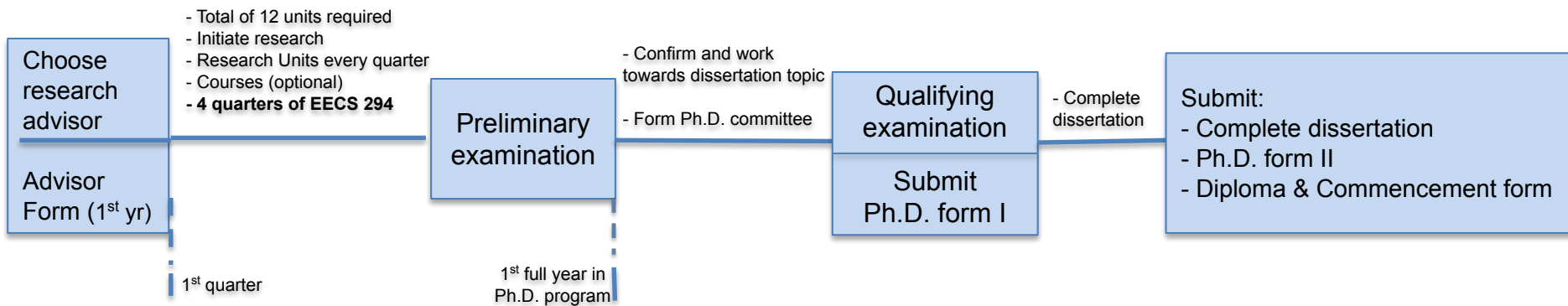
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EECS New Ph.D. Student Orientation

September 29, 2020

Roadmap to Ph.D.



Ph. D. Faculty Research Advisor

- In order to remain in good academic standing, newly admitted student must be matched with a faculty research advisor no later than 12 months from the beginning of the student's first quarter of PhD study.
- In order to remain in good academic standing, continuing students who are switching advisors (for whatever reason) must match with a new faculty research advisor no later than by the end of the subsequent quarter (excluding summer term).

Once you have matched with a faculty research advisor, please submit the [Ph.D. Faculty Research Advisor Verification Form](#). Please note that matching with a faculty research advisor is independent of locating funding for a student's studies.

How to

- Find an Advisor and research topic
- Changing Advisors
- Financial Support

Ph.D. Prelim Exam

- Consists of a written and an oral examination
- The exam is offered Fall and Spring Quarter
- **Can be taken only twice**
- **PhD student who have a MS degree:** Must pass the exam by the end of the 1st full year of their Ph.D. studies. **Required** to take the exam each quarter that it is offered
- **PhD students who do not have a MS degree:** Must pass the exam by the end of the 2nd full year of their Ph.D. studies
- Failure to take the exam first time: forfeit the exam and change the student's status to "not making satisfactory progress"
- Failure to take the exam or not passing the exam the next time offered: will change the status to "not in good academic standing" leading to academic disqualification

Prelim Dates

CPE

http://engineering.uci.edu/dept/eecs/graduate/roadmap_phd/prelim_cpe1

- Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020
- Time: 9:00 AM
- Location: Remote
- Information Session: October 5, 2020 at 5:00PM

EE- Circuits and Devices

http://engineering.uci.edu/dept/eecs/graduate/roadmap_phd/prelim_ee_cd

- Date: Friday, November 6, 2020
- Time: 9:00 AM
- Location: Remote
- Information Session: October 23, 2020 at 10:00AM

EE- Systems

http://engineering.uci.edu/dept/eecs/graduate/roadmap_phd/prelim_ee_systems

- Date: Monday, November 2, 2020
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Location: Remote
- Information Session: October 8, 2020 at 5:00PM

Courses

- **12 units are required each quarter**
- **EECS 294 (Required)** : students must complete for four quarters
- EECS299- *Individual Research*: Students can choose between 1-16 variable units. Students should sign up for these units if they are conducting individual research under a faculty instructor.
- EECS297- *PhD Dissertation Research*: Students can choose between 1-16 variable units. Students should sign up for these units if they are conducting PhD thesis/dissertation research under a faculty advisor. **(taken after you have passed your Qualifying Exam)**
- EECS293- *PhD Prelim Exam Preparation*: Students can choose between 1-8 variable units. This is a filler course used to assist PhD students in maintaining the 12 unit per quarter minimum. Please note that 8 units is the maximum number you can use as "filler" for the entirety of your graduate career. Your other units are expected to be legitimate courses, seminars, research units, etc.
- Courses (optional): consult with your advisor about which courses are beneficial for your research.
- You must receive a letter grade for at least one courses. If you on receive S/U grades your GPA will be 0.

EECS Seminar Series

EECS 294

- 4 quarters of 1 unit of EECS 294 (Required. Plan in advance)
- Seminars held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
- Required to attend 4 of the 5 seminars
- 5 online multiple choice quiz (must pass 3 of the 5 quizzes)
- Final quiz (option to take in-person or online)

Please check website for more information

<http://engineering.uci.edu/dept/eecs/seminar-series>

PhD Qualifying Exam

- Set your dissertation topic and completed most of the initial research
- Form your Candidacy Committee, which comprises 5 U.C. Academic Senate members. This committee must include:
 1. Chair: Usually your research advisor. The Chair must be a faculty member of the EECS Department or has a joint appointment.
 2. General Members: majority EECS faculty members.
 3. Outside Member: Must be a U.C. Irvine faculty member not from EECS.
- Submit the [nomination form](#) of your committee to Amy Pham (at least **two weeks** before the date of the Ph.D. qualifying examination).
- You must fill out the [Ph.D. Form I](#) before your exam begins.
- Non-resident students who have passed the Qualifying Examination are eligible for a 100% reduction in their non-resident supplemental tuition for **9 quarters**.

Completion of Dissertation

- Form your Doctoral Committee, which comprises 3 U.C. Academic Senate members.
- Decide a time and place for your defense, when your doctoral committee members are available.
- Submit via email; the date, time, location, title and abstract at least two weeks before the date of your defense.
- Defend your dissertation and fill out the [Ph.D. Form II.](#)
- The Standards and Procedures Manual for writing and submitting thesis/dissertations is available at: <http://special.lib.uci.edu/>

Fees & Tuition

- Everyone, domestic and international students, pays the California Resident fee and tuition amount of **\$17,930.15** per year (\$5976.72 for Fall Quarter, \$5976.72 Winter Quarter and \$5976.71 Spring Quarter).
- Nonresidents (International students and students who have not been approved for California Residency status) will pay, in addition to the **\$17,930.15 CA Tuition**, a Nonresident Supplemental Tuition of \$15,102.00 a year (\$5034. per quarter), **totaling \$33,032.15 a year**
- Graduate students are assessed the one-time document fee. Provides lifetime access to official transcripts and academic verifications without a fee for in-person pickup or delivery by USPS

<http://www.reg.uci.edu/fees/2019-2020/graduate.html>

NonResident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) Remission Program

- The non-resident supplemental tuition (NRST) remission initiative program provides NRST fellowship support to international Ph.D. students in their second, third or fourth years prior to advancement to candidacy. Eligible students must hold a remission-eligible appointment in an ASE (Teaching Assistant/Associate, Reader or Tutor) or GSR (Graduate Student Researcher) titles in order to qualify for support from the program. ASE and GSR appointments that are a minimum of 25% time (110 hours of assigned workload) for the quarter are nonresident tuition remission-eligible. NRST costs will be covered by the campus, except in the circumstances outlined below.
- Exceptions: international students sometimes come to UCI with full funding from their home countries; in other cases, students may be awarded extramural fellowships that cover NRST. For these students, no coverage of NRST by the program will be provided.
- International Ph.D. and M.F.A. students enrolled between **Fall 2015 and 2018** will continue to receive NRST support in years 2-4, independent of employment status.
- Students must also meet all other academic requirements for fellowship support (i.e. grades, GPA, etc.) in order to receive NRST support from this program.

<https://www.grad.uci.edu/admissions/international-students/index.php>

NonResident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) Remission Program

- PhD students entering Fall 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 are qualified for The Graduate Division's NRST remission program.
- F2019 PhD students are required to have a GSR or TA appointment in Fall 2020 to become eligible for the program in Fall
- NRST will be in remission starting Fall 2020 until Spring 2023 **or** until you pass your Qualifying Exam, **whichever comes first.**
- In Fall 2021, the TA-ship or GSR appointment will only be paying the CA tuition. The NRST amount of \$5034. will be covered by The Graduate Division

*NOTE: if you change your degree level from PhD to MS, you will no longer qualify for this program and will be required to pay the NRST.

4 year funding offer

Funding will be paid as:

- 1 year Fellowship
- 1 year TA-ship
 - Required to take and pass English Proficiency in Year 1
 - Required to take Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program (TAPDP) training by Beginning for Year 2
- 2 years GSR appointment

Your PhD advisor will decide the how and when

Fellowships

- Offered to PhD students during Admissions
- Stipend paid at the beginning of each month- 1st check October 1st, 2020
- [Glacier](#) – contact Franklin Say
- Must be enrolled for funds to be transfer
- Enrolling in direct deposit
Fellowship system: oit.uci.edu/help/deft
University payroll: <https://accounting.uci.edu/payroll/direct-deposit.html>

Part-time vs Filing Fee

Part-Time Study

- Part-time enrollment at the graduate level during the academic year as enrollment in 1-8 units, including enrollment in Academic English classes.
- If you wish to go part-time (Master's students only), you must fill out the Part-time Petition, located at Graduate Division Forms, and turn it into your Graduate Coordinator (Amy). Please note although you may have indicated on your graduate admission application that you plan to enroll part-time, you will not be considered for part-time status unless this form is submitted.

Filing-Fee

- Filing fees applies to students who have completed all requirements for a terminal Master's degree or a Doctoral degree and are ready for the formal submission of their thesis or dissertation, or the final, formal examination. The filing fee status can be used for **one quarter only** during the student's entire graduate training. Students applying for Filing Fee status must have been registered in the preceding academic session. A filing fee will not be accepted immediately following an academic leave of absence
- You must fill out the Filing Fee Petition, located at Graduate Division Forms, and turn it into your Graduate Coordinator (Amy). Filing Fee students may not be enrolled in units. You will not be considered for Filing Fee status unless this form is submitted.
- International students can only apply for Part-time or Filing Fee status in the quarter your degree is being conferred. Additional forms are required for the International Center

Important URLs

EECS Website:

<http://www.eng.uci.edu/dept/eecs/graduate>

Information about degree requirements, degree progression, policies and procedures.

School of Engineering website:

<http://www.eng.uci.edu/current/graduate>

Engineering Student Handbook, Deadlines, forms, Policy procedures and Resources

Graduate Division Forms Website:

<http://www.grad.uci.edu/forms/index.html>

Almost every form you'll ever need including Advancements, Petitions, etc. Included at <http://www.grad.uci.edu> are important dates, deadlines, and other information.

International Center Website:

<http://www.ic.uci.edu/>

Visa information, OPT/CPT Forms and other important information.

Registrar Website:

<http://www.reg.uci.edu/>

How to register, enrollment issues, tuition and fees, and other account information.

Graduate InterConnect Program:

<https://grad.uci.edu/services/graduate-interconnect-program.php>

This program offers opportunities to network with others, practice English, and learn about American life and culture to ease the transition to UC Irvine

