BME Ph.D. Program Checklist

ALL SEMESTERS
- Enroll in courses and/or research (e.g., GRAD 6950) (6-9 graded credits per semester)

YEAR 1
- Semester 1: Advisor & Research
  - Enroll in BME 6094 seminar course
  - Discuss research interests with faculty
  - Begin work in research group
  - Select a track and required courses
  - Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0

- Semester 2: Start Research
  - Prepare for qualifying exam (Year 2)
  - Enroll in BME 6094 seminar & other required courses

YEAR 2
- Year 2: Pass Qualifying Exam
  - NIH-style written proposal and oral presentation

- Continue to take graded courses toward your degree

- Submit Plan of Study to the Graduate School (after 18 credits completed)
  - http://gradcatalog.uconn.edu/grad-school-info/advisory-system/

YEARS ≥ 3
- Dissertation Proposal/General Exam
  - Provide a copy of proposal to advisory committee 1 week in advance
  - Defend proposal
  - Submit general exam, proposal hard copy, and dissertation proposal approval forms to Graduate School (at least 6 months before final Ph.D. defense)

- Prepare Dissertation

- Work to complete 30 graded course credits, 15 graded research credits, and 2 publications

FINAL DEFENSE
- For a complete checklist of required steps visit:
  https://registrar.uconn.edu/doctoral-degree-programs/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 BME clearance form includes: submit PDF of thesis, return keys & provide exit survey.

- Announce final defense 2 weeks in advance on UConn and BME 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

https://www.bme.uconn.edu/doctoral-degree-program-in-biomedical-engineering/