



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

Form an Advisory Committee

1 major advisor and 2 associate advisors.
Guidelines:
<http://gradcatalog.uconn.edu/grad-school-info/advisory-system/>

Continue to take graded courses
toward your degree

Submit *Plan of Study* to the Graduate School (after 18 credits completed)

<http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/forms/>

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

