YOUR PATH TO GRADUATION

Earn a Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Boise State University

TO GET STARTED:

1. Request a Program Consultation
2. Complete an Application for Admission
3. Submit all required documents

IN YOUR FIRST YEAR OF STUDY:

4. Once accepted, meet any conditional acceptance requirements.
5. Meet with your advisor and complete the Program Development form, returning the form to the ECE Department office located in the Engineering Building, room 240.
6. Begin taking (at least three of the following) required courses:
   - ☐ ECE 500 (electromagnetics)
   - ☐ ECE 510 (circuits)
   - ☐ ECE 520 (devices)
   - ☐ ECE 530 (digital)
   - ☐ ECE 650 (stochastic signals)
   - ☐ ECE 660 (linear systems)
7. Form a supervisory committee.
   - → You should form a supervisory committee right away.
   - → Complete the Appointment of Supervisory Committee form and obtain all signatures.
   - → Bring the completed form to the ECE Department office where it will be added to your student record and forwarded to Graduate Admission and Degree Services for final processing.

IN YOUR SECOND YEAR OF STUDY:

8. Finish required course work.
9. Take and pass the Comprehensive Exam.
   - → Register for one (1) credit of ECE 691 (*Assessment – Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam*).
   - → Complete the Comprehensive Exam form. Then, bring the completed form to the ECE Department office.
   - → To maintain funding, pass the comprehensive exam in your second year.

10. Successfully defend your dissertation proposal.

    → Register for one (1) credit of ECE 600 (Assessment – Ph.D. Proposal Defense).

    → Use the ECE Department's dissertation proposal template to write up your proposal.

    → Use the ECE Department's dissertation presentation template to prepare your presentation.

    → To maintain funding, complete your dissertation defense by the end of your fourth year.

11. Review the Dissertation Template provided by the Graduate College.

12. Complete Application for Admission to Candidacy.

    → The Application for Admission to Candidacy form is due no later than the semester prior to your anticipated graduation. The academic calendar specifies a deadline; however, the Graduate College strongly recommends that the form be submitted once you've finished about half of your degree requirements.

    → Complete the form and obtain all signatures. Then, bring the completed form to the ECE Department office where it will be added to your student record and forwarded to Graduate Admission and Degree Services for final processing.

IN THE SEMESTER *BEFORE* YOU INTEND TO GRADUATE:

13. Review dissertation process deadlines.

14. Review dissertation standards and guidelines.

BY THE BEGINNING OF YOUR FINAL SEMESTER:

15. At least two months before your intended dissertation defense, complete the External Examiner Nomination form.

16. When you submit your external examiner nomination, also plan to work with your advisor to complete the form to Schedule your Graduate Defense.

17. Apply for graduation online through My.BoiseState no later than the date published in the academic calendar, usually the first week of the semester you intend to graduate

AT LEAST SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO YOUR INTENDED DISSERTATION DEFENSE:

18. Provide a draft of your dissertation to the Graduate College for review by the external examiner. A defense date will not be set until the draft is submitted

19. Make an appointment with the Doctoral Services Coordinator to review defense details

20. Work through dissertation forms required by the Thesis and Dissertation Office.

21. Complete all forms and obtain faculty signatures. Then, bring completed forms to the ECE Department office.

ANYTIME

22. Reach out to let us know how you are doing, ask for information, or get some help! Make an appointment with our Doctoral Services Coordinator, send us an email, or stop by the Department office located in the Engineering building, room 240.