Ph.D. Degree Checklist

Instructions: The purpose of this checklist is to summarize the department’s Ph.D. requirements. However, you cannot design your degree plan without explicit help from an advisor, since each faculty member will have requirements beyond the minimal departmental and area requirements. Please refer to the OGAPS website and Graduate Catalog for additional information.

Department Requirements

A. Required courses List the status of completion of the three or four required courses in your area:

___________        ___________        ___________       ___________

Advanced courses (at least three):

___________           ___________        ___________

B. Qualifying Procedure Students will take three two-hour exams over foundational material. A student will only be given a conditional pass without a named faculty advisor.

C. ISEN 681 Seminar (3 hours: 1 hour per semester taken 3 times)

D. ISEN 691 (at most 31 hours for 64-hour degree plan, or at most 51 hours for 96-hour degree plan.)
   (No more than 3 hours per regular semester may be taken before a student passes the qualifying exams, or these hours must be pre-approved by the Departmental Graduate Committee.)

E. International Students Only:
   Industrial internship - ISEN 684: 2 hrs max, 1 hr per semester ____________
   (2 hours are required to be included in the degree plan for administrative purposes, but students are not required to use them. If used, does not count towards the minimum degree requirements of 30 hours. If not used, they will be removed before graduation.)

F. Preliminary Exam Students may take their Preliminary Exam by the end of the semester following the one in which they get within six hours of completing their graded degree plan course hours and only have research remaining.

G. Dissertation Proposal At the discretion of the committee, this may be combined with the oral portion of the Preliminary Exam, above.

H. Dissertation Defense (also called Final Exam or Final Defense) and Submission of Dissertation to Thesis Office Formatting corrections may be requested by the Thesis Office after submission, but no content changes will be allowed at that time.

I. (Optional) Presentation of research results during a 681 Seminar, Student Society Seminar (such as INFORMS), or a national conference, and submission of papers to a refereed journal.

Faculty Requirements: Talk to each committee member before submitting a degree plan.

*Note: The following courses will NOT be allowed on a Ph.D. degree plan: all undergraduate courses except MATH 409, 446 and 447; and the following prerequisite courses ISEN 609, 620, CSCE 601, STAT 601 and STAT 651. STAT 610 or 630 will be allowed, but not both.