DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (64HR) DEGREE PLAN

1. REQUIRED GRADUATE LEVEL MATH OR STAT COURSE (CHOOSE 1 COURSE – 3 HRS)
   - MATH 601 OR 602 OR 603 OR STAT 601
   - MEEN 602 - Modeling & Analysis of Mechanical Systems *** Preferred & Recommended
   - ANY GRADUATE LEVEL MATH OR STATISTICS COURSE

2. ELECTIVE COURSES (CHOOSE 5 ELECTIVE COURSES – 15 HRS)
   - THESE COURSES MAY NOT INCLUDE: UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
   - CHOOSE FROM ANY GRADUATE MEEN COURSE OR GRADUATE COURSE FROM THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING OR COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
   - YOU MAY CHOOSE FROM ANY MEEN CORE COURSES (NOT ALREADY USED OR TAKEN PREVIOUSLY):

3. SEMINAR (2 COURSES – 2 HRS)
   - MEEN 681 – SEMINAR (1 HOUR CREDIT)
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4. RESEARCH (MAX TOTAL: 44 HRS)
   - MEEN 691 - RESEARCH

5. PROGRAM REQUIRED QUALIFYING EXAMS: 2 ATTEMPTS; MUST PASS 2 EXAMS
   - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING OFFERS QUALIFYING EXAMS IN 9 AREAS:
     - CONTROLS, DESIGN, FLUID MECHANICS, HEAT TRANSFER, METALS/CERAMICS, POLYMERS, SOLID MECHANICS, THERMODYNAMICS, AND VIBRATIONS
   - A STUDENT MUST PASS 2 OF THE 9 AREAS
   - A STUDENT IS ALLOWED A MAXIMUM OF 2 ATTEMPTS TO PASS EACH OF THE TWO EXAMS
   - MUST SCORE A 70% OR HIGHER; SCORE BETWEEN 50%-70% WILL BE ASKED TO TAKE AN ORAL EXAM

PROGRAM REQUIRED ASSESSMENT PORTFOLIO
TOTAL MINIMUM SEMESTER HOURS: 64 (BEYOND M.S. DEGREE)

All Graduate Student Forms & Information can be found on the Office of Graduate & Professional Studies website at [http://ogs.tamu.edu/incoming-students/student-forms-and-information/](http://ogs.tamu.edu/incoming-students/student-forms-and-information/)
# Doctoral Degree Requirements

Steps to Fulfill Doctoral Degree Requirements

*Note:* You must be continuously registered until all degree requirements have been met.

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<td>Meet with departmental graduate advisor to plan course of study for first semester.</td>
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<td>Establish advisory committee; submit your degree plan online.</td>
<td>Following the deadline imposed by the student's college and approved no later than 90 days prior to the preliminary exam.</td>
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<td>Complete course work detailed on degree plan and ELP requirements (if applicable).</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Submit checklist and the report of the Preliminary Exam.</td>
<td>Must be received by OGAPS 10 working days after exam date and at least 14 weeks prior to the final defense date</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Submit proposal for dissertation or record of study.</td>
<td>No later than 20 working days prior to submission of the Request and Announcement of Final Examination</td>
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<td>Complete residence requirement. (Check with your department to determine if there is a residency requirement.)</td>
<td>Before submitting request to schedule final oral examination</td>
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<td>Apply for a degree online at the Howdy portal; pay graduation fee.</td>
<td>During the first week of the final semester; pay graduation fee after graduate application is submitted; see OGAPS calendar for deadlines</td>
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<td>Submit request for permission to hold and announce final oral examination.</td>
<td>Must be received by OGAPS at least 10 working days before final exam date; see OGAPS calendar for deadlines.</td>
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<td>Upload approved PDF file of the completed dissertation or record of study and submit signed approval page to the Thesis Office.</td>
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9. Graduation; arrange for cap and gown. | More information

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