

Engineering PhD Program Checklist

The following list summarizes key milestones toward a Engineering PhD at RIT.

- Admission to the program
- Enroll in the Foundation Courses
- Register to take the Qualifying Examination (1st year)
- Pass the Qualifying Examination (End of 1st year)
- Submit the form for the advisory committee
- Submit a Program of Study form
- Finish all required coursework
- Research and define dissertation research topic
- Meet with librarian for the College of Engineering (WML)
- Write the dissertation proposal
- Register to take the Candidacy Examination (proposal defense)
- Pass the Candidacy Examination (no later than beginning of third year and at least one year before the dissertation defense)
- Continue your research
- Hold periodic reviews of your progress with your advisory committee, submit yearly progress reports
- Hold a Research Review Milestone Meeting (at least six months before the dissertation defense)
- Write your dissertation manuscript
- Register for the dissertation defense
- Pass the dissertation defense
- Submit dissertation to Proquest
- Meet all certification requirements / graduation