

ATTENTION - Ph.D. STUDENTS
ELEC 693 - Candidacy Examination

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Ph.D. Candidacy Examination Procedure
(Updated May 2011)

Ph.D. students must register in ELEC 693 in every term of their program until the oral examination is passed.

The Ph.D. Candidacy Examination in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering consists of an Oral Examination only. The Oral Examination should be taken and passed not later than three years from initial Ph.D. registration.

Oral Ph.D. Candidacy Examination

1. The purpose of the examination is to test the candidate's fundamental knowledge and competence to do research leading to a Ph.D. dissertation.
2. One month before the proposed date of the candidate's oral examination, the candidate has to submit a written research proposal to the members of his/her supervisory committee.
3. Advise the Graduate Secretary of the date and time of the examination to ensure documents requiring signature are available for the examination.
4. The examination is conducted by the Supervisory Committee and is chaired by the Graduate Advisor or his delegate. During the oral examination, the candidate will be asked questions related to the research proposal, as well as questions on the fundamentals.
5. The student will be notified of pass or fail. A student who fails the oral part of the candidacy examination may re-attempt it only once. A second failure requires withdrawal from the program.

