Course Requirements for a PhD Degree

Dear PhD Student:

Our current department policy requires that you successfully complete six courses to fulfill the course requirements for your PhD program. When possible, we encourage you to take more than six courses in order to broaden your horizons. These additional courses may be chosen from areas that are related to your research or from other technical or management areas that may not be directly in your field of interest. When you start your graduate program you should meet with your supervisor to establish a course plan; this course plan must be submitted to the department for approval. If you wish to make changes to your course plan later in your program, you should discuss this with your supervisor and obtain approval from the department.

Detailed policies regarding course requirements in your PhD program:

- You must normally complete a minimum of six single-term graduate courses in addition to ENGG 600 (Engineering Ethics and Professionalism). Under exceptional circumstances a course reduction may be granted; please consult with your supervisor or Associate Chair (Graduate).
- The majority of these courses should be 500-level or 600-level ECE graduate courses.
- If approved by the department, one 700-level Advanced Topics course may be taken for credit towards your course requirements.
- Graduate-level courses in your field of study offered by other departments may be taken with approval of the department.

A list of ECE graduate courses can be found at: [http://ece.engineering.ualberta.ca/Graduate/Courses.aspx](http://ece.engineering.ualberta.ca/Graduate/Courses.aspx)

A typical schedule of courses in a PhD program is as follows:

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Please **complete** the attached course plan table, **have your supervisor sign it**, and bring it to Ms Pinder Bains, the Graduate Student Advisor in ICE 11-229, for approval by the department before your first term of studies.

Thank you,

M. Reformat
Associate Chair (Graduate Studies)
**Graduate Course Plan for PhD Program**

**Student Name (print):** _______________________________;  **Student ID:** ______________

**Student e-mail:** ____________________________________________________________

**Degree:** PhD  (6 courses plus ENGG 600)    **Program Start Date:** ______________________

**Course Plan Table**

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**Supervisor Name (print):** ________________________________

**Supervisor Signature:** ________________________________________

**Date submitted:** ______________________

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**Associate Chair Signature**

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**Date**