

MASTER OF ENGINEERING

Transferring to the Ph.D. Program

Although the Master of Engineering (M. Eng.) is intended as a terminal degree, the department recognizes that degree goals can change, including the possibility that a student admitted to the M. Eng. may wish to obtain a Ph.D. To this end, we outline below the procedure that must be followed to effect such a change. At the outset, however, we stress that this option should not be used in an attempt to circumvent the normal Ph.D. admissions process. Students who fail to meet the standards for the Ph.D. program at the time of admission have little chance of being allowed into the Ph.D. program at a later date.

Students in the M. Eng. program wishing to be considered for admission to the Ph.D. program should consult their academic advisor as soon as possible. Transfer from M. Eng. to the Ph.D. program is possible provided that the student satisfies the following requirements:

- Satisfy all requirements for initial admission to the Ph.D program, including submission of GRE General Test Scores, and be approved for consideration for transfer to the Ph.D program by the ECE Graduate Admissions Committee.
- Identify a faculty member who agrees, in writing, to serve as that student's academic and Ph.D. research advisor.
- In consultation with the academic advisor, design and complete a program of course work that satisfies all course requirements and constraints for a Ph.D. discipline appropriate to their research. All students in the Ph.D. programs are required to satisfy all Ph.D. degree requirements. Should the student not be admitted to the Ph.D. program, this program of course work will serve, with the approval of the academic advisor and the ECE Graduate Affairs Committee, to satisfy the course work requirements for the M. Eng. degree.
- Pass the comprehensive examination at the level required for continuation in the Ph.D. program. A student failing to pass the comprehensive exam at this required level will not be admitted to the Ph.D. program, and will instead continue in the M. Eng. degree program.
- Maintain a GPA of at least 3.4 in the appropriate core graduate courses.

A student who has fulfilled all of the above requirements should, after passing the departmental comprehensive exam, submit a petition to change their degree objective from M. Eng. to Ph.D.

****See an ECE Graduate Student Affairs Advisor to discuss the process of transferring to the Ph.D. program and obtain the relevant forms****