Graduate Program Deadlines

PhDEE and PhDCE Programs:

1. Qualifying exam: Students who already hold an MS degree and matriculate in the fall semester must take the qualifying exam in the spring semester of their first year. Students matriculating in spring semester, or students who hold a BS degree and matriculate in the fall semester, can postpone the exam to the second spring semester. Those who fail the exam the first time, have one more chance to take the exam. These students must take the exam the next spring after their first attempt.

2. Research Advisor: Students should have a research advisor one year after their matriculation.

3. Thesis Committee: The Dissertation Committee must be formed not later than six months after passing the qualifying exam.

4. Comprehensive exam: The deadline for comprehensive exam is two years after passing the qualifying exam.

5. Dissertation Defense: The dissertation defense should be scheduled at least one year after taking the comprehensive exam.

MS/T Program:

1. Research Advisor: MS/T students should have a research advisor one year after their matriculation.