



College of Engineering Ph.D. Timeline

Year 1

Milestones: Select Advisor and File Plan of Work

10cr / 10cr / 2cr
[Core Courses](#)

[Confirm Faculty Advisor](#)
[File Plan of Work](#)

[Annual Review](#)
[Individual Development Plan](#)



Year 2

Milestones: Prospectus and Candidacy

10cr / 10cr / 2cr
[Elective Courses](#)

[Dissertation Advisory Committee](#)
[Qualification Exams](#)
[Prospectus](#) and [Candidacy](#)

[Annual Review](#)
[Individual Development Plan](#)



Year 3

Milestones: Present at Conference and Publish in Academic Journal

10.5cr / 10.5cr / 2cr
[9991/9992](#)

[Dissertation Committee Meeting](#)
[Register for Dissertation Defense](#)

[Annual Review](#)
[Individual Development Plan](#)



Year 4

Milestone: Dissertation Defense

10.5cr / 10.5cr / 2cr
[9993/9994](#)

[Dissertation Defense](#)
[Submission of Approved](#)
[Dissertation](#)

[Annual Review](#)
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Year 5

Maintenance Credits and Dissertation Defense

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[Maintenance Credits \(9995\)](#)

[Dissertation Defense](#)
[7 Year Time Limit](#)

[Annual Review](#)
[Individual Development Plan](#)

Graduate School PhD Timeline, Checklist and Dissertation Forms:

<https://wayne.edu/gradschool/phd/deadlines-requirements/>