# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

For the Ph.D. program, a preliminary examination is taken after the qualifying examination. A minimum of six months should elapse between the successful completion of the doctoral preliminary examination and the doctoral final examination (oral dissertation defense).

For more details of the degree requirements for both Ph.D. programs, visit the department’s Graduate Program Website (http://mechse.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-program-overview).

## Entering with approved M.S. or M.A. degree

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### Advanced math requirement from an approved list

Minimum 500-level credit hours applied toward the degree 24

Maximum hours of ME 597 or TAM 597 (or other approved independent study) which may be applied only toward the elective course work requirement 8

A maximum of 4 hours of ME 597 or TAM 597 (or other approved independent study) may be applied toward the elective course work requirement.

No ME 599 credit may be applied toward the elective course work requirement.

Minimum GPA: 3.0

Continuous registration is required after the preliminary exam and until dissertation deposit, while on campus and during semester of final defense.

Ph.D. exam and dissertation requirements:

Qualifying Exam:

1. For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s graduate program requirements (http://mechanical.illinois.edu/graduate/mechse-graduate-degrees) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).
2. Qualifying Exam Information (http://mechanical.illinois.edu/graduate/mechse-graduate-degrees/phd-mechanical-engineering)
3. Advanced math requirement approved list (http://mechanical.illinois.edu/graduate/mechse-graduate-degrees/phd-mechanical-engineering)

## Entering with approved B.S. or B.A. degree

A student entering with a bachelor’s degree has the option of a direct Ph.D. program. It does not award an M.S. degree.

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Ph.D. exam and dissertation requirements:

Qualifying Exam:
Qualifying examinations should be taken as early as possible, generally no later than the third semester.

Preliminary exam
Final exam or dissertation defense
Dissertation deposit

Minimum GPA: 3.0

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2 Qualifying Exam Information (http://mechanical.illinois.edu/graduate/mechse-graduate-degrees/phd-mechanical-engineering)