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 Web (http://mechse.illinois.edu/content/for/graduates/prog_overview.php) site (http://mechse.illinois.edu/content/for/graduates/prog_overview.php).

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

ME 599 Thesis Research (min-max applied toward the degree) 32
MSE 492 Lab Safety Fundamentals (1 hour if not taken while completing the Master’s degree; credit does not apply toward the degree) 0
ME 590 Seminar (registration for 1 hour every term while in residence; credit does not apply toward the degree) 0
Advanced math requirement from an approved list 3 3-4
Elective courses – chosen in consultation with advisor (subject to Other Requirements and Conditions below) 28-29
Total Hours 64

Other Requirements and Conditions ¹

Other Requirements and Conditions may overlap
Minimum 500-level credit hours applied toward the degree 16
Maximum hours of ME 597 or TAM 597 (or other approved independent study) which may be applied only toward the elective course work requirement 4
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:² Qualifying examinations should be taken no later than the second calendar semester after initial enrollment.
Preliminary exam
Final exam or dissertation defense
Dissertation deposit

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.

ME 599 Thesis Research (min-max applied toward the degree) 40
MSE 492 Lab Safety Fundamentals (1 hour if not taken while completing the Master’s degree; credit does not apply toward the degree) 0
ME 590 Seminar (registration for 1 hour every term while in residence; credit does not apply toward the degree) 0
Advanced math requirement from an approved list 3-4
Elective courses – chosen in consultation with advisor (subject to Other Requirements and Conditions below) 52-53
Total Hours 96

Other Requirements and Conditions ¹

Other Requirements and Conditions may overlap
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.
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:** Qualifying examinations should be taken as early as possible, generally no later than the third semester.

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