

## Rice University Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Eighth Year Course Plan

To be submitted to Graduate Program Administrator by the end of the first week of classes

Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Matriculation semester and year: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Advised: \_\_\_\_\_

Research Area (please circle one from below):

Computer Engineering
Data Science
NeuroEngineering

Photonics, Electronics, Nanodevice (PEN)
DSP and Systems/Wireless

Name of your thesis advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your research director at Rice if your advisor is outside of Rice: \_\_\_\_\_

Plan Reviewed By Graduate Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature)

**Ph.D. Candidacy Requirements:** Minimum of thirty (30) semester hours of core and breadth course at the graduate (500) level and above (10 courses excluding research credits and 699) plus a minimum of 54 hours of research credit (ELEC 800) in total, including courses taken to satisfy M.S. requirements. ELEC 699 is required for each semester in residence. . If you have approved prior M.S. this reduces to 6 courses (18 hours). With prior M.S. that's not approved, you can transfer up to 2 MS level courses from allowing you to take only 8 courses (24 hours).

**Previous Years Summary** Only courses in which a grade of B- or above is achieved will be counted towards the M.S./Ph.D. degrees.

| Course # | Semester/Year | Credit Hours | Grade | Course # | Semester/Year                             | Credit Hours | Grade |
|----------|---------------|--------------|-------|----------|---|--------------|-------|
|          |               | hours        |       |          |   | hours        |       |
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|          |               | hours        |       |          |   | hours        |       |
|          |               | hours        |       | ELEC 599 |   | 6 hours      |       |
|          |               | hours        |       | ELEC 800 | (total accumulated hours that you passed) |              | hours |

**Semester15** PhD students are expected to complete required number of graduate level courses in addition to at least 6 hours of research credit (ELEC 800) in the ninth semester and beyond. 699 is required but you do not have to include here.

| Course # | Title | Credit Hours |
|----------|-------|--------------|
|          |       | hours        |
|          |       | hours        |
|          |       | hours        |
| ELEC 800 |       | hours        |

**Semester16** PhD students are expected to complete required number of graduate level courses in addition to at least 6 hours of research credit (ELEC 800) in the ninth semester and beyond. 699 is required but you do not have to include here.

| Course # | Title | Credit Hours |
|----------|-------|--------------|
|          |       | hours        |
|          |       | hours        |
|          |       | hours        |
| ELEC 800 |       | hours        |

◆ By the end of Year 6, students are expected to complete PhD defense and submit PhD Thesis. Do you plan to complete your PhD Degree and graduate this academic year? YES NO

◆ If you answered NO, please provide your planned timeline to complete your PhD thesis and an expected (approximate) PhD defense date.

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