

**Rice University Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Fourth 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).

**Year 1 ~3 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
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		hours	
ELEC 599		6 hours	
ELEC 800	(total accumulated hours that you passed)		hours

**Semester 7** 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 seventh semester. 699 is required but you do not have to include here.

Course #	Title	Credit Hours
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		hours
		hours
ELEC 800		hours

**Semester 8** 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 eighth semester. 699 is required but you do not have to include here.

Course #	Title	Credit Hours
		hours
		hours
		hours
ELEC 800		hours

◆ At the end of Year 4, students are expected to have completed Masters defense and meet their PhD Candidacy requirements. If you add the credit hours you completed by Year 3 and the credit hours which you plan to take in Year 4, will you meet the requirement for Ph.D. candidacy and completed Masters defense?                      YES                      NO

◆ If you will not meet PhD candidacy requirements by end of Year 4, or have not defended your Masters thesis, explain why you will miss the PhD candidacy time boundary and what your plan to reach PhD candidacy is?

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