

### Rice University Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Third 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)

**M.S. Candidacy Requirements:** Minimum of thirty (30) semester hours at the graduate (500) level and above, 24 hours of which must be taken at Rice. Requires eighteen (18) hours of core and breadth courses (6 courses excluding research credits and 699), 6 hours of research credit (ELEC 800), 6 hours of ELEC 599 (the Ph.D. qualifier). ELEC 699 is required for each semester in residence.

**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 and 2 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	
		hours				hours	
		hours				hours	
		hours				hours	
		hours				hours	
		hours		ELEC 599		6 hours	
		hours		ELEC 800	(total accumulated hours that you passed)		hours

**Semester 5** PhD students are expected to take a minimum of 1 graduate level course in addition to at least 6 hours of research credit (ELEC 800) in the fifth semester. 699 is required but you do not have to include here.

Course #	Title	Credit Hours
		hours
		hours
ELEC 800		hours

**Semester 6** PhD students are expected to take a minimum of 1 graduate level course in addition to at least 6 hours of research credit (ELEC 800) in the sixth semester. 699 is required but you do not have to include here.

Course #	Title	Credit Hours
		hours
		hours
ELEC 800		hours

◆ At the end of Year 3, students are expected to complete MS defense. Do you plan to complete your Master's defense this academic year? (click yes if your prior masters is approved)                                  YES                                  NO

◆ If you will not be completing Master's Degree by end of Year 3, explain why you will miss the MS defense and thesis time boundary and what your plan to complete MS is?

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