

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

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

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Matriculation semester and year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last) (First) Year \_\_

Research Area (please check one from below):

Computer Engineering      Data Science      Digital Health      Neuroengineering  
 Optics & Photonics      Quantum Engineering      Wireless Networking, Sensing and Security

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

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

**Ph.D. requirements:** Minimum of 27 semester hours (or 18 with prior approved Master's) of core and breadth course at the graduate (500) level and above (9 courses excluding research credits and 699) plus a minimum of 57 hours of research credit (ELEC 800) in total, including courses taken to satisfy M.S. requirements. Total of 90 hours or more is required for PhD candidacy. ELEC 699 is required for each semester in residence.

**Previous Years Summary** Only courses in which a grade of B- or above 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** PhD students are expected to complete the required number of graduate-level courses in addition to at least 6 hours of research credit (ELEC 800) and 699 in the ninth semester and beyond. 699 is required, but you do not have to include it here

Course #	Title	Credit Hours
ELEC 800	N/A	hours

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

Course #	Title	Credit Hours
ELEC 800	N/A	hours

<For Year 6 and above students>

◆ At the end of Year 6, students are expected to complete PhD defense and submit PhD Thesis within 6 months from the defense. Do you plan to complete your PhD defense by end of this academic year? YES NO

◆ If you will not be completing PhD Degree by end of this academic year, explain your planned timeline for graduation. The department deadline for PhD defense is end of Year 7. If you will not be completing the defense by Year 7, explain why you will miss the time boundary and what your plan to complete PhD is.

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