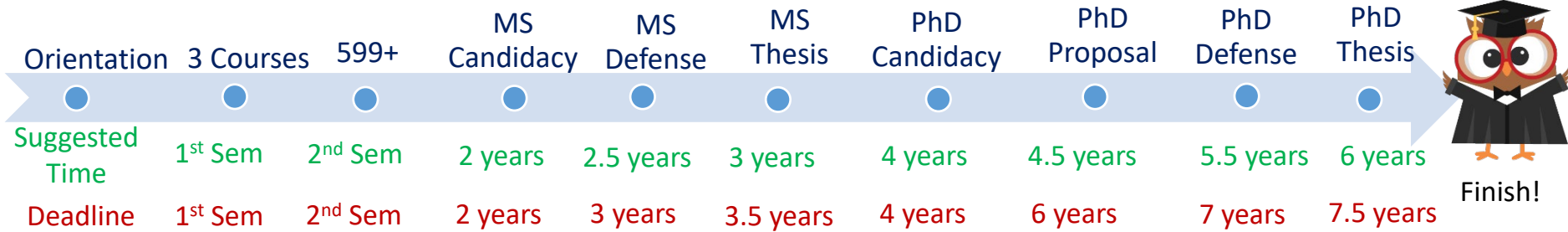


# ECE PhD Handbook Cheat Sheet (PhD Degree Timeline)

- Refer to handbook or talk to graduate committee advisor for details.
- Courses with grade C or below do not count towards MS/PHD degree requirements



599+	MS Candidacy	MS Defense	MS Thesis	PhD Candidacy	PhD Proposal	PhD Defense	PhD Thesis
<p><b>Credits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12 credits (4 courses) of non-599 coursework completed</li> <li>- 599 Research with grade of A- or higher</li> </ul> <p><b>Extra</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communication Seminars (1.5 hrs weekly)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Credits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 30 total credit hours</li> <li>- 6 core and breadth (C&amp;B) courses (18 hrs)*</li> <li>- 599 (6 hrs)</li> <li>- Research (ELEC 800) (6 hrs)</li> <li>- ELEC 699 (each semester)</li> </ul> <p><b>Procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit petition for Approval of MS Candidacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oral defense evaluated by 3 committee members</li> </ul> <p><b>Procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thesis and Approval of Candidacy Form should be uploaded within one week from your defense</li> </ul>	<p><b>Procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit thesis within 6 months from defense</li> </ul>	<p><b>Credits (Total 90)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 60 credit post MS</li> <li>- Total of 10 C&amp;B courses (30 credits)**</li> <li>- 4 C&amp;B courses (12 credits) after MS</li> <li>- Research (ELEC 800) (48 hrs)</li> <li>- ELEC 699 (each semester)</li> </ul> <p><b>Procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit petition for Approval of PhD Candidacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oral presentation to the thesis committee</li> </ul> <p><b>Procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet with Graduate Administrator to generate form</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oral defense evaluated by at least 3 members including thesis director and committee chair</li> </ul> <p><b>Procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upload Approval of Candidacy Form</li> </ul>	<p><b>Procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit thesis within 6 months from defense</li> </ul> <p><b>Extra</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete about 6 semester of grader/TA service</li> </ul>

\* Any ELEC 5XX or 6XX course. Any 500 level or higher non ELEC course can count with approval from graduate advisor.

\*\* With approved prior MS, this reduces to 6 C&B courses (18 credits). With prior MS that's not approved you can transfer up to two MS level courses from previous degree allowing you to take only 8 C&B courses at Rice (24 credits).