



**Course Requirements for a PhD Degree**

Dear PhD Student:

Our current department policy requires that you successfully complete six courses to fulfill the course requirements for your PhD program. When possible, we encourage you to take more than six courses in order to broaden your horizons. These additional courses may be chosen from areas that are related to your research or from other technical or management areas that may not be directly in your field of interest. When you start your graduate program, you should meet with your supervisor to establish a course plan; this course plan must be submitted to the department for approval. If you wish to make changes to your course plan later in your program, you should discuss this with your supervisor and obtain approval from the department.

Detailed policies regarding course requirements in your PhD program:

- You must normally complete a minimum of six single-term graduate courses in addition to INT D 710 and INT D 720 (Ethics and Academic Citizenship requirements). INT D 710 and INT D 720 are to be completed in the first term. Under exceptional circumstances, a course reduction may be granted; please consult with your supervisor or Associate Dean Graduate Students, ECE.
- The majority of these courses should be **ECE** graduate courses.
- If approved by the department, one reading course may be taken for credit towards your course requirements.
- Graduate-level courses in your field of study offered by other departments may be taken with approval of the department.

A list of ECE graduate courses can be found at <https://www.ualberta.ca/engineering/electrical-computer-engineering/graduate-studies/current-student-resources/index.html>.

A typical schedule of courses in a PhD program is as follows:

**PhD Program**

<b>1st Fall/Winter Term</b>	<b>2nd Fall/Winter Term</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
3 courses	3 courses	THES 906	THES 906
INT D 710 and INT D 720 (Ethics)			

Please complete the attached course plan table, **have your supervisor sign it**, and submit it for approval by the department before your first term of studies. Please submit a complete course plan and not one just for the current semester.

Thank you,

M. Gupta  
Professor & Associate Dean Graduate Students (ECE)



**Graduate Course Plan for PhD Program**

**Student Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_; **Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student e-mail :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree: PhD** (6 courses plus INT D 710 + INT D 720)

**Program Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Plan Table**

<b>First Fall/Winter Term</b>	<b>Second Fall/Winter Term</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
Specify Term and Year	Specify Term and Year	Specify Year	Specify Year
INT D 710 INT D 720		THES 906	THES 906
1.	4.		
2.	5.		
3.	6.		

**Supervisor Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Associate Dean Signature  
(Graduate Students, ECE)**

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**Date**