



**PH.D. IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING  
NEUROENGINEERING CONCENTRATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Z#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Candidacy Exam Passed : \_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Advisor (Chair) : \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Chair : \_\_\_\_\_

Committee:

Member 1 : \_\_\_\_\_ Member 2 : \_\_\_\_\_ Member 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 4 : \_\_\_\_\_ Member 5 : \_\_\_\_\_ Member 6: \_\_\_\_\_

When did you submit Admission for Candidacy (Form 8) , Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of your PhD proposal presentation : \_\_\_\_\_

**Students are encouraged to submit their dissertation proposal as early as possible in consultation with their advisor but must do so at least six months prior to their defense.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prerequisites**

**Laboratory 1 is mandatory. In addition, need to satisfy at least four more courses from the menu below**

Course No.	Course Title	Actual Course Title if Not Taken At FAU	Where	Grade
CDA 3331C	Intro to Microprocessor Systems			
EEL 3470	Electromagnetic Fields and Waves			
EEE 4361	Electronics 2			
EEE 4510	Introduction to Digital Signal Processing			
EEL 4512	Communications Systems <b>OR</b>			
EEL 4652	Control Systems 1			
EEL 4656	Analysis of Linear Systems			
EEL 3118L	Laboratory 1 ( <b>Mandatory</b> )			

**MS to PhD Requirements**  
**(Minimum of 72 credit hours total)**  
**For students entering with a Master's Degree**

**Master's Credits (30):**

Course Number/Name	Semester	Grade

**Graduate Courses (18 credits):**

Minimum of 12 credits must be Electrical Engineering courses. No more than 3 credits of Directed Independent Study may be used, and the subject matter may not overlap the student's dissertation. A minimum of 9 credits of 6000 level must be completed. Must take two semesters Graduate Seminar.

Course Number/Name	Semester	Grade
CGS 5937 Graduate Seminar (Mandatory, 0 credits)		
CGS 6938 Graduate Seminar (Mandatory, 0 credits)		

**Electrical Engineering Dissertation Credit Courses: EEL 7980 (Minimum of 24 credits taken over multiple terms):**

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**Electrical Engineering Directed Independent Study: EEL 6905 OR Advanced Research: EGN 6918 (No more than 3 crs)**

Course Number/Name	Semester	Grade

**Math Requirement: At least 6 credits**

Course Number/Name	Semester	Grade
EEL 5613 Modern Control		
EEE 5502 Digital Processing of Signals		
EEL 5654 Control Systems 2		
EEL 6482 Electromagnetic Theory 1		
EEL 6537 Detection Theory		
EEL 6935 Special Topics in Electrical Engineering		
EOC 5172 Mathematical Methods in Ocean Engineering 1		
MAP 6264 Queueing Theory		

# All PhD Students

## Publication Requirement

A Doctoral Candidate is expected to have at least one research paper published or accepted for publication in a fully refereed conference or journal prior to graduation.

## Layout and Content of “Dissertation Proposal”

This document provides general guidelines for the layout and content of the dissertation proposal. The guidelines may be modified to suit the project and the student’s advisor may require additional material to be added to the proposal. The purpose of this document is to provide a starting point from which the final proposal can be developed.

### Format

The dissertation proposal is expected to follow the template:

### Cover Page

The proposal cover page should include

- Title (up to 25 words) - The title can be a working title in that it can be changed at a later date. It should convey the essence of the proposed work.
- Student Name
- The statement Dissertation Proposal submitted in partial fulfillment of a Doctoral Degree in Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.
- Date
- Names and room for signature of the student’s advisor and advisory committee.

### Content

The dissertation proposal should include the following sections:

1. **Introduction** - Gives the background to the work in general terms and the layout of the document.
2. **Dissertation Objective** - A statement, which is less than half a page long, specifying the objective of the work.
3. **Literature Review** - Reviews the pertinent literature with the objective of placing the research in the context of work that has been done before. Having read this section, the committee will have a clear understanding of how the dissertation will provide new insights and advance the state of the art. A dissertation proposal must clearly identify the uniqueness of the study.
4. **Approach** - Describes the theoretical, experimental or numerical approach that will be used in the study, including the background theory where necessary. The derivation of major equations can be added in an appendix if required by the student’s supervisor.
5. **Tasks to be completed** - This should describe the expected series of tasks that will be undertaken during the study.
6. **Timetable** - Defines the time line for the completion of the work.
7. **References** - A list of references should be provided in an appropriate academic format such as Harvard or Author-Date.
8. **Figures and Tables** - Figures and tables may be placed in the document or at the end of the document. Each figure and table should be numbered in the order that it is referred to in the text and have a caption/heading that describes the content of the figure/table.
9. **\* PhD proposal must be presented and approved by the committee at least 6 months before the oral dissertation defense.**