

Mechanical Engineering Department
ME MS-PhD Degree Milestones and Regulations

1. **Advisor Declaration:**
ME Graduate Students (GS) must declare their MSc thesis or PhD dissertation advisor during their first semester in the program no later than the fourth week.
2. **Initial Advisor Meeting:**
Newly admitted GS must meet with their assigned advisor immediately and formally declare the advisor through the student portal, in accordance with the department chair's assignment.
3. **Degree Plan Submission:**
In consultation with their thesis/dissertation advisor, students must prepare and submit their degree plan no later than the **6th week** of their first semester.
4. **Course registration in the first semester:**
Please register the core courses related to your declared area of research (as per the statement of purpose you filled while applying for the PhD degree). Other courses (in later semesters) should follow the approved degree plan.
5. **Compliance with Degree Requirements:**
Students must adhere to the approved degree plan and all associated regulations as published by the ME Department for each concentration.
6. **Minimum Registration Requirement:**
Full-time MSc and PhD students must register for a **minimum of 9 credits each semester** until they complete all required coursework.
7. **MSc Thesis Registration:**
MSc students are advised to register for their thesis course (**ME 610**) and submit their thesis proposal during their **third semester**. *Then, they must register the theses every semester*
8. **PhD Comprehensive Exam:**
PhD students must successfully pass the comprehensive exam by the end of their **fourth semester (second year)** in the program.