

To Whom it May Concern,

I hereby acknowledge that the study plan below outlines the tentative course requirements and milestones for all new students in pursuit of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Chemical Engineering, beginning in Fall 2025. Please note that this plan is subject to change based on various factors.

All students with TA Appointments are initially under the supervision of [Dr. Eno Ebong](#), while RA Appointed students are guided by the faculty who directly hired them, as stated in their Admissions letter. It's essential to note that all students receive guaranteed funding per the admission letter. Final lab assignments take place after rotations in December.

For program-related questions, reach out to [Cindy Rinear](#), the Academic Coordinator. For inquiries regarding the Graduate School of Engineering (GSE) and academic matters, contact [Lusine Galajyan](#), the Senior Academic Advisor.

Course Requirements	Credits
<a href="#">Required Core Courses</a> (required prior to proposal defense)	16 SH
<a href="#">CHME 7390</a> Seminar (every fall and spring semester)	0 SH
<a href="#">CHME 7391</a> , <a href="#">CHME 7392</a> , <a href="#">CHME 7393</a> , <a href="#">CHME 7394</a> . Professional Development and Communication in Chemical Engineering 1 – 4.	4 SH
<a href="#">CHME 9986</a> Research (as needed for full-time status prior to semester of proposal defense; unlimited enrollments)	0 SH
<a href="#">CHME 9984</a> Research (required prior to PhD Candidacy; take during semester of proposal defense)	4 SH
<a href="#">Elective Courses</a>	8 SH
<a href="#">CHME 8960</a> Candidacy Preparation (take during semester of proposal defense; allowed two enrollments)	0 SH
<a href="#">CHME 9990</a> Dissertation Term 1 (semester after proposal defense; required)	0 SH
<a href="#">CHME 9991</a> Dissertation Term 2 (after <a href="#">CHME 9990</a> ; required)	0 SH
<a href="#">CHME 9996</a> Dissertation Continuation (after <a href="#">CHME 9991</a> until dissertation is defended; not required; unlimited enrollments)	0 SH
<b>Minimum Semester hours required*</b>	<b>32 SH</b>

Sincerely,

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