PhD students must request a Qualifying Review by no later than their third semester of enrollment. Exceptions to this rule are stated in the ECE Graduate Handbook. The Qualifying Review will be conducted by the student’s Graduate Advisory Committee.

Minimum requirements for the Qualifying Review are as follows:

1. The student must have a primary advisor and have formed a Graduate Advisory Committee.
2. The student will consult with his/her advisor on forming his/her Graduate Advisory Committee and formulate a timeline of his/her PhD study.
3. The student must complete a Plan of Graduate Study and have it approved by his/her Graduate Advisory Committee. The student must maintain a GPA $\geq 3.25$ for the duration of his/her PhD program.
4. The **research requirement** for passing the Qualifying Review is that the student must demonstrate their potential for conducting independent research. This capability can be demonstrated to their Graduate Advisory Committee in one or more of the following ways, through:
   i. Conducting an in-depth review of selected papers in their area of research interest.
   ii. A critical review of the current literature in their area of research interest.
   iii. A detailed analytical study of a current problem in their area of research interest.
   iv. The committee being shown some preliminary research results and being given a research vision by the student.
5. The **written requirement** for passing the Qualifying Review is the presentation of a written report to their Graduate Advisory Committee. The research requirements stated in item “iii” above will form the contents of the written report. The written report may be presented to the Graduate Advisory Committee in the form of a technical paper or in the form of the introductory chapters of a dissertation. The decision on the form of the report is made by the advisor of the student.
6. The **oral requirement** for passing the Qualifying Review is the presentation of a seminar by the student on the topic discussed in item “iii” above to the student’s Graduate Advisory Committee and with other interested faculty and/or students in attendance.
7. The members of the student’s Graduate Advisory Committee will meet in private session to determine by majority vote if the student meets the requirements of the Qualifying Review.