COMMUNICATIONS AND SIGNAL PROCESSING
QUALIFYING REVIEW
February 22, 2012

Ph. D. 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 students Graduate Advisory Committee.

Minimum requirements for the Qualifying Review are as follows:
1. The student must have a primary advisor and form a Graduate Advisory Committee
2. The student must complete a Plan of Graduate Study and have it approved by his/her Graduate Advisory Committee. The student must receive a minimum grade of B- on all courses in his Plan of Work.
3. The research requirements for passing the Qualifying Review are as follows;
   a. The student must demonstrate the potential for conducting individual research as a part of the qualifying review. This can be done in one or more of the following ways:
      i. An in depth review of selected papers in the area of research interest.
      ii. A critical review of the current literature in the area of research interest.
      iii. A detailed analytical study of a current problem in the area of research interest.
4. The written requirement for passing the Qualifying Review is a written report based on the results of the research requirement as designated in item 3 above. The report may be in the form of a technical paper or in the form of the introductory chapters of the dissertation. The decision on the form of the report is made by the advisor.
5. The oral requirement for passing the Qualifying Review is the presentation of a seminar by the student on the topic discussed in item 3 with the ECE members of the students Graduate Advisory Committee and other interested faculty and/or students in attendance.
6. The ECE members of the students Graduate Advisory Committee will meet in private session to determine by majority vote if the student passes the Qualifying Review.