

**Rochester Institute of Technology
PhD Program in Microsystems Engineering**

Program Checklist

- Admission to the program
- Enroll in the Foundation Courses
- Submit the form for taking the Comprehensive Examination
- Pass the Comprehensive Examination (end of first year)
- Form the Advisory Committee (submit form)
- Submit a Program of Study Form
- Finish all the required coursework
- Start your dissertation research
- Meet with Engineering Librarian (WML)
- Write the Dissertation Proposal
- Submit the form for taking the Qualifying Examination
- Pass the Qualifying examination (no later than beginning of third year and at least one year before the Dissertation defense)
- Continue your research
- Hold periodic reviews of your progress with your Advisory Committee
- Submit the form for taking the Candidacy Examination
- Pass the Candidacy Examination (at least 6 months prior to Dissertation defense)
- Write your dissertation
- Submit the form for taking the Dissertation Defense
- Pass the Dissertation defense
- Submit the dissertation for publication