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Graduate Student Handbook

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I. DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

1. Department Vision Statement
   A top Chemical Engineering department recognized for sustained excellence in research, discovery, and education with strong global engagement

2. Department Mission Statement
   • Prepare chemical engineers for successful careers as leaders and innovators in chemical engineering and related fields
   • Expand the knowledge base of chemical engineering through its scholarly pursuits
   • Develop technology to serve societal needs
   • Benefit the public welfare through service to the chemical engineering and related professions

3. Graduate Program Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)
   Upon graduation, our PhD, MS, and Graduate Certificate students will exhibit the following within their field of study at their respective mastery, proficiency, and competency levels:
   • **Knowledge**: an ability to comprehend and apply the contemporary state of knowledge
   • **Communication**: an ability to communicate effectively in the standards of professional work
   • **Integrity and Ethics**: an ability to conform to high standards of professional behavior, integrity, and ethical conduct
   • **Scholarship Independence**: an ability to identify, explain, evaluate, and develop scholarship
   • **Critical Thinking**: an ability to identify hypothesis, evaluate arguments, assess assumptions, and synthesize knowledge

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   The Chair of the ChBE department coordinates and monitors the efforts of the ChBE faculty and enforces graduation requirements that are specific to the department. Most questions and forms are handled by the associate chairs. You should, however, contact the department chair directly when you have concerns, complaints, or even compliments regarding a member of the faculty.
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The Associate Chair for Research is also the Graduate Coordinator of the ChBE department who coordinates all aspects of the department’s graduate studies including graduate recruitment and admission; selection of chancellor’s fellows, graduate teaching assistants (GTAs) and graduate research assistants (GRAs); managing graduate curricula; and developing new graduate programs. He has the authority to sign for the chairman on various graduate forms included below. Undergraduate students interested in the Grad Track Pathway should contact the Associate Chair for further information.

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II. STUDENT MILESTONES (STEPS TO COMPLETE DEGREE)

The campus policies and rules concerning ALL graduate programs can be found in the graduate catalog: https://catalog.mst.edu/graduate/. The departmental policies and rules concerning chemical engineering PhD, MS, Graduate Certificate Programs summarized in this handbook are in faculty meeting minutes and required to be compliant with the campus’s.

Electronic Workflow: ALL graduate students are required to submit ALL graduate forms electronically online: https://grad.mst.edu/currentstudents/forms/, where you can also find additional graduate information including various deadline dates. The graduate forms were created by the Office of Graduate Education using Google forms and use email addresses of the student, advisor, committee members, graduate coordinator, and the Office of Graduate Education for contact and
approval. For more details about various forms, please visit the website and/or Sections V-VII in the handbook.

To submit a graduate form, you need to log into a computer using your mst campus/Google account and click to open the form. You will be prompted to change account if the active user is not you on the computer. Usually on the first page of a form is your name, email address, student number, degree information, and your advisor’s name and email address. Click the “Next” button at the bottom to proceed to the next page.

After submitting a form, you (requestor) will receive an email from “S&T Graduate Forms Workflow” to

(i) confirm the request been sent to the first recipient,

(ii) show a summary of the responses that you entered to the Google form (found in the body of the email and the pdf attached), and

(iii) provide a Request #X link at top that can be used to check the status of the workflow (who has signed or yet to sign) at any time.

(iv) includes a link for re-uploading corrected files.

Once the form has been processed and approved by the Office of Graduate Education, a notification email will be sent to you, your advisor, and program coordinator and staff. It is important to keep this email and all its attached forms and files for future reference.

III. REQUIRED COURSEWORK

1. Departmental Graduate Core Courses

The Department has established the following set of core courses for chemical engineering graduate program at Missouri S&T.

• **Chem Eng 5100 Intermediate Transport Phenomena**
  The similarities of flow of momentum, heat and mass transfer and the applications of these underlying principles are stressed. Course is primarily for seniors and beginning graduate students. Prerequisite: Chem Eng 3101 or graduate standing.

• **Chem Eng 5110 Intermediate Chemical Reactor Design**
  A study of homogeneous and heterogeneous catalyzed and noncatalyzed reaction kinetics for flow and batch chemical reactors. Application to reactor design is stressed. Prerequisite: Chem Eng 3150 or graduate standing.

• **Chem Eng 5220 Intermediate Engineering Thermodynamics**
  Review thermodynamic principles for pure fluids and mixtures. Emphasis on applications for the chemical industry and use of fundamental relations and equations of state. Prerequisite: Senior or graduate standing.
2. **Chem Eng 6015 Lecture Series (built around Graduate Seminars)**

1) PhD students need to register for 1.0 credit hour of Chem Eng 6015 whenever registering for Chem Eng 6099 (taking one less hour of Chem Eng 6090) except for those in their first semester or in their last semester.

2) Thesis MS students need to register 1.0 credit hour of Chem Eng 6015 in three semesters.

3) Three or more credit hours of Chem Eng 6015 can be used as equivalent to a 3-credit-hour 6000-level lecture course for a graduate student’s Form 1 or Form 5.

4) Letter grades will be assigned to students enrolled in ChE 6015 by the faculty member in charge based on the student’s attendance and final report.

5) To demonstrate attendance, enrolled students need to get a copy of seminar flyer, write on its back their names and two relevant questions that they may ask if given opportunity, and give the flyer back to the faculty in charge. Missing two seminars in a semester is enough to be downgraded to B, three to C, and any more would lead to an F. Students are allowed to make up missed seminars by attending related seminars in other departments. For this purpose, students need to get an approval in advance from the ChE 6015 instructor, have the flyer of the substitute seminar signed by the seminar host, and afterwards give the seminar flyer back to the ChE 6015 instructor.

6) After all seminars are completed, students enrolled in ChE 6015 need to choose one of them and write a short report about it. This report is supposed to be 3-4 pages in length and due by a specific date designated by the ChE 6015 instructor.

3. **Ph.D. Coursework (Form 5/5A, Course Plan see Appendices A and B)**

The Doctor of Philosophy degree requires (i) a minimum of 72 semester hours beyond the BS degree including a minimum of 30 lecture credit hours or a minimum of 42 semester hours beyond the MS degree including a minimum of 12 lecture credit hours, and (ii) a minimum of 3 years (6 semesters) of residency. These lecture credit hours must be from **4000-level or above lecture courses including a minimum of 12 credit hours at 6000 level** and must satisfy the departmental **graduate core courses** listed in III.1, III.2 and the following required PhD courses:

- **Chem Eng 6100 Advanced Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics**
- **Chem Eng 6110 Advanced Transport Phenomena**

A PhD student joining with a **prior MS degree**, thesis or non-thesis, on or off campus, may list the **MS degree as the first entry with 30 lecture credit hours and 1 year of residency in his/her Form 5 Course Plan**. However, the student is still subjected to the same departmental and campus graduate coursework requirements stated above, which may exceed 42-30=12 lecture credit hours depending on the course equivalency of previous graduate courses. The decision should be part of entry interview discussion and included clearly in the resultant memorandum but will need to be approved by the Office of Graduate Education as part of Form 5/5A submission.
The graphs below summarize the required PhD coursework under different circumstances.

“Bridge” courses: For students from non-ChE backgrounds, “bridge courses” have been identified by the faculty and intended to help the students get properly prepared first before taking the required graduate core courses and PhD courses. The bridge courses are the required undergraduate courses in the three core chemical engineering areas: namely ChE 3101 (Fundamentals of Transport in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering), ChE 2110 or 3120 (Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics), and ChE 3150 (Chemical Engineering Reactor Design). The decision should be part of entry interview, based on previous courses/background, and stated clearly in the resultant memorandum.

Per campus policy, Form 5 (Plan of Study) must be submitted by the end of the semester when a PhD student passes Qualifying Exam. Please visit: https://grad.mst.edu/currentstudents/forms/doctoraldegreeforms/ to start the submission via electronic workflow introduced in Section II. It requires (i) the names and email addresses of all dissertation committee members who should be selected in consultation with research advisor and (ii) course plan, which is a spreadsheet downloadable from the website to be filled with courses completed or planned to be taken to meet the campus and departmental minimum requirements. The same form needs to be submitted again as Form 5A whenever a change is made to the last approved one. For this reason, please make sure to keep a copy of your course plan to expedite future preparation and submission.

For change of PhD project, advisor, or any committee member, approvals from all committee members including those being replaced are required. For change of courses, the updated course plan needs to be uploaded but only the research advisor’s approval is required. For this purpose, the research advisor
and dissertation committee members will receive an email from “S&T Graduate Forms Workflow” where they will see three options as shown below,

![Image](image_url)

The campus strongly recommends to not cancel a submission and to avoid rejections as they may cause unnecessary complications and confusion. For additional information or change needed, the “Comment” option may be used to return the request back to the student. The corrected course plan can then be uploaded to the original form by clicking on the Updated Course Plan “File Upload” link in the email and it will be attached as “File Upload 2”. For overall efficiency, please fill out your course plan and send a physical or electronic (email) copy to graduate coordinator for compliance review first BEFORE Form 5 submission.

4. M.S. Coursework (Form 1/1A, Course Plan see Appendices C and D)

   **Thesis option:** a minimum of 30 semester hours that must include (i) a minimum of 18 hours of 4000-, 5000-, and 6000-level lecture courses including the graduate core courses listed in III.1, (ii) a minimum of 6 hours of 6000-level lecture courses, and (iii) a minimum of 6 credit hours from Chem Eng 6099 to carry out research, write thesis, and defend MS thesis.

   **Non-thesis option:** a minimum of 30 semester hours that must include (i) a minimum of 24 credit hours of 4000-, 5000-, and 6000-level lecture courses, (ii) a minimum of 9 hours of 6000-level lecture courses, and (iii) a minimum of 24 hours of ChBE courses including Chem Eng 5100, Chem Eng 5150, Chem Eng 5220, and Chem Eng 5015. No credit hours of ChE 6099 Research can be counted for non-thesis MS degree even for those switching from thesis to non-thesis option. The graphs below summarize the required MS coursework for easier reference.

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   **“Bridge” courses:** For students from non-ChE backgrounds, “bridge courses” have been identified by the faculty to help the students get properly prepared first before taking the required graduate core courses. The bridge courses are the required
undergraduate courses in the three core chemical engineering areas: namely ChE 3101 (Fundamentals of Transport in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering), ChE 2110 or 3120 (Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics), and ChE 3150 (Chemical Engineering Reactor Design). The decision should be part of entry interview, based on previous courses/background, and stated clearly in the resultant memorandum.

Per campus policy, Form 1 (Plan of Study) must be submitted during the semester when a MS student is to complete the ninth graduate credit hour. Please visit: https://grad.mst.edu/currentstudents/forms/mastersdegreeforms/ to start the submission via electronic workflow introduced in Section II. While thesis MS students need to provide the names and email addresses of all thesis committee members, all MS students need to upload course plan, which is a spreadsheet downloadable from the website to be filled with courses completed or planned to be taken to meet the campus and departmental minimum requirements. The same form needs to be submitted again as Form 1A whenever a change is made to the last approved one. For this reason, please make sure to keep a copy of your course plan to expedite future preparation and submission.

For change of MS project, advisor, or any committee member, approvals from all committee members including those being replaced are required. For change of courses, the updated course plan needs to be uploaded but only the research advisor’s approval is required. For this purpose, the research advisor and thesis committee members will receive an email from “S&T Graduate Forms Workflow” where they will see three options as shown below,

Approve  Decline  Comment

The campus strongly recommends to not cancel a submission and to avoid rejections as they may cause unnecessary complications and confusion. For additional information or change needed, the “Comment” option may be used to return the request back to the student. The corrected course plan can then be uploaded to the original form by clicking on the Updated Course Plan “File Upload” link in the email and it will be attached as “File Upload 2”. For overall efficiency, please fill out your course plan and send a physical or electronic (email) copy to graduate coordinator for compliance review first BEFORE Form 5 submission.

Second M.S. Degree: A student who had earned a master's degree at Missouri S&T or elsewhere in one major can earn a second MS degree in another area at Missouri S&T. The second MS degree requires a minimum of twenty-four additional hours of graduate credit, including a minimum of eighteen credit hours of 4000-, 5000- and 6000-level lecture courses and a minimum of six credit hours from 6000-level lecture courses. Additionally, for a second/subsequent master's degree with a thesis, a minimum of six credit hours of graduate research is required.

5. Course Transferability (Form 1 and Form 5 instructions)

In general, academia has a long tradition of “no double dipping” rule, that is, one
course for one degree and cannot be counted again for another. As a result, courses completed during BS degree study cannot be used for graduate certificate or graduate degree unless special actions were taken or some particular rules become applicable.

Courses taken by students completing BS degree at Missouri S&T may be counted for graduate credits if (i) they were designated, up to 6 credit hours, by MS students admitted through Graduate Track Pathways (GTP) or (ii) they were separated out of the BS degree by filling out a form during senior year.

Graduate courses may be transferred from another university as long as they have not been used to earn another degree (“no double dipping” except for MS&T degrees) and were registered as graduate credits when they were taken. Students must have earned at least a B grade or equivalent for such courses to be considered transferrable. The university rules concerning transfer courses only specify the maximum numbers of credit hours for different degrees as summarized below, but whether the courses/credit hours are qualified for transfer and for what courses, required or elective, 5000 or 6000 level, should be part of entry interview and determined by the department.

- **PhD students without a master’s degree** may transfer a maximum of 18 credit hours
- **PhD students with a master’s degree** may transfer a maximum of 9 credit hours.
- **MS students** may transfer a maximum of 9 credit hours.
- The ChBE Graduate Certificate programs accept no transfer credit.

Transfer of qualified graduate courses is done by listing them individually on Form 1 or Form 5 (Plan of Study) with the MST equivalent courses (course number and title) written in parenthesis within the same box. It is important to note that a student cannot take the same course again for a new degree even if the course has multiple course numbers. If a required core course can be transferred or has been taken before, the student should take another course with the approval of the Graduate Coordinator based on educational objectives, research needs, and number of credit hours. Consult the Graduate Coordinator and/or graduate advisor in the Office of Graduate Education (https://grad.mst.edu/) for additional questions.

6. Graduate Certificate Coursework

The department currently has two graduate certificate programs which are briefly summarized below. For more information, please refer to the graduate catalog or graduate coordinator. When planned properly, MS or PhD courses can also be used to earn graduate certificate BEFORE completing the degree.

**Chemical Process Engineering:** This certificate requires two core courses selected from Chem Eng 5100, Chem Eng 5110, Chem Eng 5150, Chem Eng 5220, and two elective 3-credit hour Chem Eng courses at 5000 or 6000 level.

**Carbon Management Engineering:** This certificate requires three core courses: Chem Eng 5325 Carbon Capture Process Engineering, Mech Eng 5539 Carbon
Conversion and Utilization, Petro Eng 5050 Carbon Storage, and one elective 3-credit hour course from a list of approved Chem Eng, Mech Eng, and Petro Eng courses.

7. GPA and Grade Requirements for Graduate Students

- In order to earn a graduate degree a student must achieve both a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for all graduate courses listed on the plan of study (Form 1 or Form 5) and cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in all coursework taken at Missouri S&T. No substitution may be made on the Plan of Study for courses in which the student has earned less than a B grade.

- In order to earn a graduate certificate, a student must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the courses approved for the certificate. If a graduate certificate student applies and gets admitted to MS program, only the courses receiving A or B grades can be counted toward the subsequent MS degree.

- If a semester graduate GPA falls below 3.0, the student will be placed on probation for the following semester. If the graduate GPA is not 3.0 or above in the following semester that coursework is taken, the student shall no longer be a candidate for a graduate degree or certificate from Missouri S&T.

- In cases where a graduate student repeats a course, both the original and repeat grades will be used in calculating the student’s GPA, and both will appear on the student’s transcript.

In addition, the ChBE department maintains an additional GPA requirement for PhD students, which is \( \leq 9 \) credit hours of C grades over the course of PhD study.

IV. GOOD STANDING

1. University rules and regulations concerning graduate studies are inflexible but can be updated on an annual basis. They are stated in the Missouri S&T graduate catalog (http://catalog.mst.edu/graduate/) which is updated and published by the Office of Graduate Education (https://grad.mst.edu). The applicability of the rules, regulations, and their changes is determined by the student’s catalog year based on the date of admission to the degree program. Students may request to change to a future catalog year via electronic workflow. If a student changes their catalog year, they are responsible for fulfilling all of the graduation requirements in the newly chosen catalog and are not permitted to use a combination of catalogs to satisfy degree requirement.

2. Once admitted to a degree program, on campus graduate students must remain continuously enrolled in each fall and spring semester while summer enrollment is not required except when campus resources are used. A graduate student will be given a specified amount of time (three years for certificate, six years for master’s, eight years for doctoral) to complete the program. A student may take a leave of absence, up to one year only, which will not count toward the specified time limit. For this purpose, Request for Leave of Absence Form must be submitted via electronic workflow by the student in a timely manner.
3. Graduate students can visit [https://registrar.mst.edu/psinfo/degreeaudit/index.html](https://registrar.mst.edu/psinfo/degreeaudit/index.html) any time to check on their **degree audit**, catalog year, and academic progress towards their degree, including required graduate forms that have been submitted or not. All categories of requirements will have to show ‘OK’ for graduation.

4. **Academic probation:** “if a semester graduate GPA falls below 3.0, the student will be placed on probation for the following semester. If the graduate GPA is not 3.0 or above in the following semester that coursework is taken, the student shall no longer be a candidate for a graduate degree or certificate from Missouri S&T.” A formal notice/letter will be emailed to the student and the department from the Office of Graduate Education.

5. **Full-time enrollment:** ≥ 9 credit hours in fall or spring semester and ≥ 3 credit hours in summer session. Note that **full-time enrollment is usually required for tuition waiver for sponsored students.** Graduate teaching and research assistants (GTA/GRA), graduate instructors, and graduate fellow are required to be enrolled full time in each semester and summer session when they receive the assistantship except (i) MS students in their exit/last semester and (ii) PhD students completing comprehensive examination and all coursework. The eligible MS and PhD students must submit **Reduced Enrollment Request Form** via electronic workflow to be approved by the campus to maintain full time status with less than full time load.

6. **International students,** with or without assistantship, are required to enroll in a minimum of 9 credit hours in each fall and spring semester. Summer enrollment is optional but a minimum of 3 hours becomes required when a graduate student receives summer assistantship. International students are further subject to US government rules and regulations, including I-20, student visa, OPT, and CPT, which are handled by the Office of International Affairs (https://international.mst.edu/) and the Office of Graduate Education (https://grad.mst.edu/). Please consult with the advisors in these offices for more information and possible changes/extensions/exceptions in these regards.

7. There are protocols established by the department and implemented by the graduate committee, including selecting/getting a research advisor. They have to be followed and relevant forms have to be filled out with all signatures.

8. Those who have been admitted conditionally without satisfactory English proficiency must meet the campus minimum standard within the first year of their graduate study: TOEFL ≥ 79, IELTS ≥ 6.5, Duolingo ≥ 105, or PTE ≥ 53.

9. There will be no financial support from the department without good standing. “Good standing” indicates conforming to relevant rules, regulations, and ethical standards, as well as showing satisfactory progress towards the degree on a regular basis in terms of coursework and research. In this respect, the dissertation/thesis advisor plays pivotal roles as the advisor controls advising hold, runs funded projects (funding source for GTA), approves various graduate forms, and chairs the dissertation/thesis committee. The advisor’s endorsement is an important foundation for the confirmation of good standing.
V. DOCTORAL FORMS

Several graduate forms are required or may be needed for PhD students during their study. They are summarized below and must be submitted via electronic workflow (https://grad.mst.edu/currentstudents/forms/).

1. Form 4 and Qualifying Examination (3rd semester)

The goal of the qualifying exam is to examine the critical thinking and analysis capabilities of new PhD students. **PhD students are required by our department to take it during their 3rd semester** and given two chances to pass the qualifying exam. The outcome of each attempt will be reported by the Graduate Coordinator to the Office of Graduate Education using Form 4. **If the student fails both times, the university rule disqualifies the student to continue their PhD study in the department.** Those who enter the PhD program in the Summer will be considered together with those entering in the Fall semester. Other details of the exam include:

1) A qualifying exam committee, of at least three faculty members, will be formed for each academic year by the department chair in consultation with the graduate committee. To avoid conflict of interest, the advisor of the student taking the exam should not be part of the qualifying exam committee or participate during the oral presentation or exam. Instead, the advisor should be replaced by another faculty member for the student’s qualifying exam.

2) Between the qualifying exam committee, graduate committee, and research advisor, a pool of papers will be given to the student who should select one and report the selection back within a week to the Graduate Secretary in the department office to pass it to the exam committee. The Graduate Secretary will then schedule a qualifying exam time for the student.

3) The student will be required to critically review the literature and prepare a review manuscript which is centered around the selected paper and may provide foundational background for the student’s dissertation research topic. This should be the student’s work so the advisor should not help nor provide feedback to the student on this task.

4) The review manuscript should be at least 7 pages long but not more than 10 pages in length including written narrative, tables and figures (12 point, Times New Roman, single spaced with 1” margins) with sufficient references to indicate familiarity with the research topic (reference list and title page not included in the page limit). The manuscript should reflect the student’s critical analysis and understanding of the literature related to the chosen research topic. **It is strongly**
recommended to organize your analysis and manuscript according to the following suggestion:

A. **Introduction**: general perspectives of the scope and importance of the research area (e.g., CO₂ management, battery, bioengineering, etc.)

B. **Background and motivation** of the work discussed in the manuscript: description and discussion of the purposes, methods, results, and findings of your key references, plus their limitations either reported or identified by yourself, that point out directions for ongoing or future research (e.g., what have been done to reduce CO₂ emission, capture and storage CO₂, or utilize/convert CO₂)

C. **The current state of art** in the selected research area: summary of key research accomplishments to date and known remaining challenges and of desired research outcomes to meet future needs (e.g., latest reactions and processes for CO₂ conversion).

D. **Areas for future work** in the research area: there should be several worthy of pursuit based on sections B and C, including your PhD project (e.g., new reactions or catalysts for CO₂ conversion).

E. **A proposed theoretical and/or experimental plan** to address a topic from the future work: your PhD project, needed to be explained why it is important and even necessary to work on.

F. A summary and outlook of the selected research topic: the potential contributions of and the likely future situation affected by your PhD project.

G. Potential learning and benefits that address the following questions:
   a) What the candidate learned from the literature that might be helpful towards his/her own research thesis work?
   b) What the candidate might use from their review towards his/her own research thesis topic?
   c) What literature the candidate might apply to their own research, and
   d) Ideas generated during the literature review that might advance the candidate’s own research thesis work and/or might be suitable for a future funded proposal.

H. Tables and Figures (with reference if taken from the literature)

I. List of References (ACS journal format)

5) The student will provide a copy of their written manuscript to the department Graduate Secretary no less than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled examination date. The writing should be the student’s own work and the department will check for plagiarism using related software. Plagiarism of one’s own or other’s work is an ethical violation and will be grounds for disqualification from taking the qualifying exam. An important way to avoid such mistakes is to cite references properly in the manuscript and presentation file.

6) The student will be required to submit a power point presentation of no more than 30 slides to the Graduate Secretary at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled exam who will provide it to the examining committee. The advisor must not help the student prepare these slides. The presentation time allowed during the exam
will be limited to 30 minutes, followed by a closed portion for examination questions by the committee. The presentation should reflect what is presented in the written manuscript.

7) During the closed portion of the exam, the committee may ask general questions related to reaction engineering, transport phenomena, and thermodynamics that are considered relevant to the selected research topic. The student will be required to address them orally to the exam committee.

8) If the student does not pass the first time, retaking the exam will require he/she to repeat the entire procedure described above. The committee will work with the student to schedule a proper time for re-examination which allows sufficient time for the student to prepare for and retake the qualifying exam. The second attempt should be completed before the end of the same semester when the student took the qualifying exam for the first time.

9) Shortcomings identified by the committee from the qualifying exam will be provided in writing and/or verbal explanation to the student and the advisor. The committee may suggest remedial actions that the student can work on independently or together with advisor to address the identified shortcomings.

2. Form 5/5A: Plan of Study

When a PhD student passes the qualifying examination, they need to submit Form 5 for the first time within the same semester, or a registration hold will be placed on the student’s account by the Office of Graduate Education until Form 5 is received and approved by them. The first part of Form 5 is PhD project, advisor, and advisory committee comprising a minimum of five members, including advisor and one member from outside the department. Please consult with your advisor for committee selection and make sure all members are preapproved graduate faculty members (https://catalog.mst.edu/graduate/generalinformation/graduatefaculty/) and agree to participate. For those who have not been or are outside our campus, their detailed CVs need to uploaded together with course plan to Form 5 submission. The second part of Form 5 is course plan as explained in Section III (Appendices A and B) and residency requirement. Residency at Missouri S&T is defined as “sustained intellectual interactions among the student and the academic community”. In practice, every in-person enrolled Spring or Fall semester earns 0.5 year of residency. Summer terms do not count toward residency regardless of summer enrollment.

Form 5 is a plan not a contract, so changes can be made as many times as needed. After the first submission, the same form, now called Form 5A, and same electronic workflow can be used again to report any change to the campus for approval. Note that for change of PhD project, advisor, or any committee member, approvals from all committee members including those being replaced are required. For change of courses, the updated course plan needs to be uploaded but only the research advisor’s approval is required. It is important to keep a copy of your latest course plan for your own future reference.
3. Form 6: Report on Doctoral Comprehensive Examination

After a PhD candidate has completed at least 50% of the coursework required for the doctoral degree that were listed on their approved Form 5/5A, the candidate should consult their research advisor and committee members to arrange for comprehensive examination. The purpose of the comprehensive exam is to ensure that the student is knowledgeable enough with his or her area of research to make an original contribution and to determine whether the student should be permitted to "advance to candidacy"—that is, to go on and write a PhD dissertation. It is also an opportunity to assess graduate student learning outcomes for the department and for the university. For this reason and purpose, the student/advisor should (i) inform the gradate coordinator or secretary when and where is the comprehensive exam, (ii) bring the assessment rubric forms attached in the appendix to the exam to be used by every dissertation committee member to assess various learning outcomes of the student’s PhD study, and (iii) report the exam outcome and give the rubric forms back to the department/graduator coordinator. To report the outcome of the comprehensive exam, Form 6 should be submitted via electronic workflow to get email recommendations/approvals from advisor, committee members, gradate coordinator, and then the Office of Graduate Studies.

The current format of PhD comprehensive examination comprises a written report and oral presentation of a research proposal. Details of the exam will include the following:

1) An advisory committee with at least five committee members, including at least three members from ChBE faculty and at least one member from other department(s), should be formed. The student advisor should be the committee chair (Form 5/5A) and should approve the written report and oral presentation of the comprehensive exam first.

2) According to campus policy II-20, the student must be enrolled on the date of the comprehensive exam. Failure to do so may invalidate the exam. If the comprehensive exam occurs during the intersession, then an examination-only fee is appropriate by enrolling in one credit hour of Oral Examination (ChE 6040).

3) The student will submit the required written report to the advisory committee at least one week before the comprehensive exam presentation.

4) The written report should provide an overview of the research project, important results accomplished, and remaining tasks. It should be at least 10 pages long but not more than 15 pages in length including written narrative, tables and figures (12 point, Times New Roman, single spaced with 1” margins) with sufficient references to indicate familiarity with the research topic (reference list and title page not included in the page limit). The report should reflect the student’s critical analysis and understanding of his/her research to make an original contribution in the area. The report should include the following sections:
   A. Title page
   B. Abstract
   C. Introduction (concise overview with brief introduction of methodology and highlights of key points)
D. Background and motivation of the work (literature review and objectives)
E. Research description/Path to achieve research objectives (tasks, deliverables, and impacts)
F. Research progress to date
G. Estimated budget
H. Research plan to complete dissertation study (timeline and schedule to complete remaining tasks, deliverables, and dissertation)
I. List of references (ACS journal format)

5) Plagiarism of one's own or other's work is an ethical violation and will be grounds for disqualification from taking the qualifying exam. An important way to avoid such mistakes is to cite references properly in the manuscript and presentation file.

6) The oral presentation should reflect what is presented in the written report. Any change after submitting the written report should be justified to and approved by the advisory committee. The presentation should be limited to 50 minutes.

Please note that there must be at least 12 weeks between passing the comprehensive examination and holding the defense. After passing the comprehensive examination and completing all coursework and residency requirements for the doctoral degree, the student can submit Request for Continuous Registration Form to get approval to take one credit hour of special problems (Chem Eng 6000) or graduate research (Chem Eng 6099) as full-time enrollment each semester/session until the degree is completed.

4. Final Defense Notification Template (≥1 week prior to defense)

A PhD candidate should submit this form via electronic workflow no later than 1 week prior to the defense date. Prior to or around submission of this form, the PhD candidate should also distribute a copy of PhD dissertation to each advisory committee member. Failure to do so may result in an invalid defense.

When writing your PhD dissertation, you want to ensure your document is presented in the most professional manner possible. For this purpose, the following website: https://grad.mst.edu/currentstudents/thesisdissertationinformation/formatting/ provides many useful resources on formatting your document properly (traditional format or publication option), binding your work professionally, and more. You are strongly recommended to visit this website from the beginning to the final stages of writing your dissertation. If you need additional help for writing dissertation, there is also a free program called Thesis & Dissertation Writing Camp: https://grad.mst.edu/currentstudents/thesisanddissertationwritingcamp/ you can participate. All these online resources are provided and maintained by the Office of Graduate Studies.

5. Form 7: Report on Final Examination (Defense) and Dissertation Approval

Similar to comprehensive exam and Form 6, the student/advisor should (i) inform the graduate coordinator or secretary when and where is the PhD defense, (ii) bring the assessment rubric forms attached in the appendix to the defense to be used by every dissertation committee member to assess student learning.
outcomes, and (iii) report the defense outcome and give the rubric forms back to the department/graduator coordinator. A candidate will be considered to have passed the defense if all, or all but one, of the advisory committee members vote that the candidate passed. Regardless of the outcome, **Form 7 must be submitted by the student via electronic workflow to the campus.** Once this form has been approved by the dissertation committee and the Office of Graduate Studies, no other content changes can be made except for changes to the format outlined by the Thesis/Dissertation Specifications.

6. **ChBE Departmental PhD Dissertation Award**

The department created a PhD dissertation award to recognize and honor PhD students who have accomplished excellent PhD dissertations, and to also encourage all PhD students to actively write or participate in writing papers for their research projects. The departmental Graduate Committee has been given charge and thus established the following instructions to handle this award rigorously and consistently. For those who are interested, please consider

1) **Eligibility:** PhD students in their last semester who have successfully defended their PhD dissertations and produced a minimum of three qualified publications. Since summer has no commencement, PhD students graduating in summer can apply to be considered in the preceding Spring semester.

2) **Qualified publications:** published archival papers, accepted/in-press manuscripts, and filed nonprovisional utility patents, which must also be
   - peer-reviewed,
   - with the PhD applicant being the first author, and
   - included in the student’s PhD dissertation.
   Delayed publications due to confidentiality reasons may also qualify with advisor’s certification.

3) **Application:** Because the Graduate Committee has no or limited access to the needed information, interested and qualified PhD students should apply by submitting digital(pdf) versions of their dissertations and publications as well as a completed **application form** to the Graduate Coordinator on behalf of the Graduate Committee at least one week prior to the commencement.

4) **Awardee:** every applicant who has met the above qualifications, completed their application in time, and received a majority vote from the Graduate Committee will be awarded.

7. **Application to Conduct Off-Campus Research**

This form must be submitted to request prior approval to conduct off-campus research to ensure that such an endeavor will result in educational experiences which are equivalent, or superior, to those that a student might expect to have at Missouri S&T.
VI. MASTER FORMS

The following are graduate forms required or potentially needed for MS students to complete their MS study. They must be submitted via electronic workflow (https://grad.mst.edu/currentstudents/forms/).

1. Form 1/1A: (Revised) Plan of Study

A MS student must submit Form 1 during the semester when completing the ninth graduate credit hour. A registration hold will be placed on the student’s account by the Office of Graduate Studies until Form 1 is approved by them. Thesis MS students must consult with research advisor to form thesis committee with a minimum of three members, of whom two must be MST graduate faculty. MS students must download and fill out a course plan spreadsheet (Appendix C for thesis and D for non-thesis MS) and fill in out with courses to satisfy the required coursework explained in Section II. This course plan must be uploaded as part of Form 1 submission but please get it reviewed first by the graduate coordinator to avoid confusion or complication.

Form 1 is a plan not a contract, so changes can be made as many times as needed. After the first submission, the same form, now called Form 1A, can be used again to report any change to the campus for approval. Note that for change of MS project, advisor, or any committee member, approvals from all committee members including those being replaced are required. For change of courses, the updated course plan needs to be uploaded but only the research advisor's approval is required. It is important to keep a copy of your latest course plan for your own future reference.

Switching between thesis and non-thesis MS study is also done using Form 1/1A and to be approved by advisor, graduate coordinator, and then Office of Graduate Education.

2. Form 2: Report on Final Examination (Defense) and Thesis Approval

When ready, a thesis MS student can consult with advisor and thesis committee members to arrange a date for defense. The candidate should distribute a copy of MS thesis to each committee member at least seven days prior to the defense date. The student/advisor should (i) inform the graduate coordinator or secretary when and where is the MS defense, (ii) bring the assessment rubric forms attached in the appendix to the defense to be used by every dissertation committee member to assess student learning outcomes, and (iii) report the defense outcome and give the rubric forms back to the department/graduator coordinator.

A candidate will be considered to have passed the MS defense if all, or all but one, of the advisory committee members vote that the candidate passed. Regardless of the outcome, Form 2 must be submitted by the student via electronic workflow to the campus. Once this form has been approved by the dissertation committee
and the Office of Graduate Studies, no other content changes can be made except for changes to the format outlined by the Thesis/Dissertation Specifications.

When writing your MS thesis, you want to ensure your document is presented in the most professional manner possible. For this purpose, the following website: https://grad.mst.edu/currentstudents/thesisdissertationinformation/formatting/ provides many useful resources on formatting your document properly (traditional format or publication option), binding your work professionally, and more. You are strongly recommended to visit this website from the beginning to the final stages of writing your thesis. If you need additional help for writing dissertation, there is also a free program called Thesis & Dissertation Writing Camp: https://grad.mst.edu/currentstudents/thesisanddissertationwritingcamp/ you can participate. All these online resources are provided and maintained by the Office of Graduate Studies.

3. Request for Waiver of Enrollment Requirements

Although graduate teaching and research assistants (GTA/GRA), graduate instructors, and graduate fellows are required to be enrolled full time each semester when they receive the assistantship, a one-time-only exit semester of reduced enrollment may be allowed, by submitting this form for MS students receiving assistantship.

VII. GRADUATE CERTIFICATE FORMS

Graduate Certificates are open to existing graduate students who can apply for admission to a certificate program during their graduate degree study. The graduate courses taken at Missouri S&T by a graduate student pursuing this opportunity can be counted for both the certificate and the graduate degree. However, the student must complete the certificate program before their graduate degree is awarded, otherwise those courses become “locked in” to that degree and cannot be used toward the certificate.

Once a student is active in a certificate program, the relevant courses completed by the student will automatically be pulled into the appropriate sections of their degree audit. The student will only need to apply for completion/graduation via Joe'SS when finishing the last course and no additional form will be needed.

There are two special circumstances where clarification is needed by filling out the following forms.

1. Substitution for Required Certificate Course(s) Form

When a required course for a graduate certificate is no longer available or has been taken for a previous degree, this form can be submitted to substitute the required certificate course with an acceptable alternate course.

2. Certificate Program Courses Form
When a certificate student is active in more than one certificate program, this form is required to designate courses for each certificate. Courses taken for a specific certificate cannot be counted toward an additional certificate (no “double-dipping”). This form must be submitted before a second and/or subsequent certificate(s) can be awarded.

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. It is beneficial to visit the websites of the Office of Graduate Studies occasionally to get familiar with all the relevant rules and regulations, available resources, ongoing events, and new opportunities. They are also a good starting point when you face special situations and need certain help.
   - https://grad.mst.edu/
   - https://grad.mst.edu/currentstudents/.

2. Joe’Ss (pronounced “Joe's”) is short for Joe Miner’s Self-Service (https://joess.mst.edu/), a web portal that is accessible anywhere and allows students access to their academic and financial information such as course enrollment, payment options and history, billing statements, financial aid information, transcripts, and degree audit. To access financial information and aid communication with the Cashiers and Student Financial Assistance Offices, students need to agree to e-Consent. For more information about Joe’Ss, visit https://registrar.mst.edu/psinfo/.

Degree audit can also be directly accessed via https://mydegree.mst.edu. The following is an example in 2UP format (option under UM in the upper right corner)
The usual rule of thumb for completing a degree is to get OK for every block, each a sub-requirement, signified by dashed lines. When **NO** is given instead, the degree audit usually provides brief explanation and recommendation. Please consult your advisor or graduate coordinator for further questions.

3. **Student code of conduct:** Student Honor Code can be found at this link: [http://stuco.mst.edu/honor-code/](http://stuco.mst.edu/honor-code/). Conduct of students subject to sanctions can be found here: [https://registrar.mst.edu/academicregs/conductofstudents/](https://registrar.mst.edu/academicregs/conductofstudents/), and falls into the following categories:

1) Academic dishonesty, such as *cheating, plagiarism*, or *sabotage*.
2) Forgery, alteration, or misuse of University documents, records or identification, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University.
3) Obstruction or disruption of teaching, *research*, administration, conduct proceedings, or other University activities, including its public service functions on or off campus.
4) Physical abuse or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.
5) Stalking another by following or engaging in a course of conduct with no legitimate purpose.
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16) Hazing, participation or cooperation by the person(s) being hazed does not excuse the violation. Failing to intervene to prevent (and/or) failing to discourage (and/or) failing to report those acts may also violate this policy.
17) Misuse of computing resources in accordance with University policy.
   a. Actual or attempted theft or other abuse.
   b. Unauthorized entry into a file to use, read, or change the contents, or for any other purpose.
c. Unauthorized transfer of a file.
d. Unauthorized use of another individual’s identification and password.
e. Use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member, or University official.
f. Use of computing facilities to interfere with normal operation of the University computing system.
g. Knowingly causing a computer virus to become installed in a computer system or file

4. Research Integrity and Ethics is an important graduate learning outcome. To provide additional insights and guidelines, and to address potential issues, a special seminar will be presented annually to the graduate students. The presentation slides and relevant materials will be made available to the students via email and department websites.

5. Title IX: Missouri University of Science and Technology is committed to the safety and well-being of all members of its community. US Federal Law Title IX states that no member of the university community shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, or be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. Furthermore, in accordance with Title IX guidelines from the US Office of Civil Rights, Missouri S&T requires that all faculty and staff members report, to the Missouri S&T Title IX Coordinator, any notice of sexual harassment, abuse, and/or violence (including personal relational abuse, relational/domestic violence, and stalking) disclosed through communication including but not limited to direct conversation, email, social media, classroom papers and homework exercises. Contact Missouri S&T’s Title IX Coordinator (203 Centennial Hall; 573-341-6038) to report Title IX violations. To learn more about Title IX resources and reporting options (confidential and non-confidential) available to Missouri S&T students, staff, and faculty, please visit http://titleix.mst.edu.

6. Disability Support: If special accommodations are needed for research and classes due to certain documented and approved disability, please consult the Disability Services staff at 204 Norwood Hall, Tel: 341-4211, email: dss@mst.edu, web: http://dss.mst.edu, your advisor and course instructors.

7. Well-Being and UCARE (https://go.mst.edu/ucare-report)
Any of us may experience strained relationships, increased anxiety, feeling down, alcohol/drug misuse, decreased motivation, challenges with housing and food insecurity, etc. When your mental well-being is negatively impacted, you may struggle academically and personally. If you feel overwhelmed or need support, please make use of S&T’s confidential mental health services at no charge. If you are concerned about a friend or would like to consult with a Care Manager, please make a UCARE referral for support and assistance.
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## Graduate Learning Outcome (GLO) Standard Rubric

Evaluation Rubrics for (select one of the following research-based levels): MS [ ] ME [ ] PhD [ ] DE [ ]

Candidate Name: ____________________________________________________________

Student ID: __________________________________________________________________

Department: Chemical and Biochemical Engineering

Program: Chemical Engineering

Semester & Year of Defense: ____________________ Committee member: ______________________

Milestone: Comprehensive Exam / Defense

*Guidance for assessing candidate suggested on page 2

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