The purpose of the degree plan is to show how and when requirements will be met. The degree plan is a working document and may be updated regularly to reflect the student’s developing research focus and career goals. **Students are bound by the requirements of the catalog in force at the time of their first registration in the graduate program.**

MS students must submit a degree plan by the end of the first year. A minimum of twenty-four credit hours must be MECH or MECH cross-listed coursework. No more than two 5000-level courses will count in the MS degree plan.

**Start Term: Summer 2024 – Fall 2024 – Spring 2025**
- Non-Thesis Track
- Thesis Track

**Start Term: Summer 2023 – Fall 2023 – Spring 2024**
- Non-Thesis Track
- Thesis Track

**Start Term: Summer 2022 – Fall 2022 – Spring 2023**
- Dynamic Systems and Controls
- Manufacturing and Design Innovation
- DSC Thesis Track
- MDI Thesis Track
- Mechanics and Materials
- Thermal and Fluid Sciences
- MM Thesis Track
- TFS Thesis Track

**Our office no longer accepts paper documents.** Degree plans should be filled out and approved electronically, then emailed to the ME GRAD office. When digitally signing a document make sure the UTD email address is visible in the signature panes.

**Degree Plan Approval:**
Students elect the **thesis track** by obtaining the approval of their **research advisor** on the degree plan.

**Non-Thesis** degree plan review and approval is provided by **Dr. Dong Qian**, the Associate Head for the Graduate Program in Mechanical Engineering.

Students may **request to change their concentration area** by submitting a new degree plan (22-23 catalog). All requests to change the concentration area in Galaxy must be approved by the Graduate Program Administrator on the Change of Sub-Plan Request Form.