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.** PhD students must submit their degree plan by the end of the first year.

Transfer of graduate level credit into the doctoral program in mechanical engineering is limited to a maximum of 33 semester credit hours. **All graduate coursework, whether taken at UTD or transferred from another university, must be approved by the PhD student’s research advisor on the degree plan.**

**Start term: Summer 2024 – Fall 2024 – Spring 2025**
- Doctoral Degree Plan

**Start term: Summer 2023 – Fall 2023 – Spring 2024**
- Doctoral Degree Plan

**Start term: Summer 2022 – Fall 2022 – Spring 2023**
- Dynamic Systems and Controls
- Manufacturing and Design Innovation
- Mechanics and Materials
- Thermal and Fluid Sciences

**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 are required to obtain the approval of their research advisor on the degree plan.

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