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MSE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES	SUBJECT Qualifying Examination and Admission to Candidacy for the Ph.D. Degree		
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<p>GENERAL POLICY</p> <p>Graduate students seeking the Ph.D. degree in Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) must adhere to the following procedures for admission to candidacy.</p> <p>PROCEDURE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students declared as MSE Ph.D. students must take the qualifying examination offered immediately after the completion of all core MSEN courses. 2. Students declared as M.S. students, but planning to apply for admission as a Ph.D., must also take the qualifying examination offered immediately after the completion of all core MSEN courses. M.S. students who do not do so shall be deemed ineligible for admission to the MSE Ph.D. program. 3. Students must pass all components of the qualifying examination to be considered for admission to Ph.D. candidacy. Students have 2 chances to do so. 4. Students who have been notified as passing the qualifier must form their Ph.D. dissertation committee within 6 months of the notification date. 5. Students who have passed the qualifying examination must present their research proposal within 9 months of the notification of passing the qualifying examination. 6. The research proposal shall consist of a written document in proper scientific/engineering publication format and an accompanying presentation made orally by the prospective candidate. These documents must be disseminated to all committee members a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the proposal defense date. 7. Passing the research proposal examination process results in the admission to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree. 8. A petition to waive the requirements of this policy in any form must be done as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The student applies for a waiver to the Chair of the Qualifying Exam Committee and provides evidence of either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All "A" grades in the core courses, or b. Passing a prior qualifying exam acceptable to the department <p>NOTE: Students passing all core courses with a grade of "A" are encouraged to petition for a waiver of the qualifying examination requirement.</p>			