

MASTER OF SCIENCE Transferring to the Ph.D. Program

Students in the Master of Science (M.S.) program wishing to be considered for admission to the Ph.D. program should consult their academic advisor as soon as possible. Transfer from the M.S. to the Ph.D. program is possible provided that the student:

- Satisfy all requirements for initial admission to the Ph.D. program, including submission of GRE general test scores, and be approved for consideration for transfer to the Ph.D. program by the ECE Graduate Admissions Committee.
- Identify a faculty member who agrees, in writing, to serve as that student's academic and Ph.D. research advisor. The faculty member must provide 49.99% GSR support, or the equivalent, for a minimum of the first 12 months immediately following the student's transfer to the PhD.
- In consultation with the academic advisor, design and complete a program of course work that satisfies all course requirements and constraints for a Ph.D. discipline appropriate to the student's research. All students in the Ph.D. program are required to satisfy all Ph.D. degree requirements. Should the student not be admitted to the Ph.D. program, this program of course work will serve, with the approval of the academic advisor and the ECE Graduate Affairs Committee, to satisfy the course work requirements for the M.S. degree.
- Pass the Ph.D. preliminary exam at the level required for continuation in the Ph.D. program. A student failing to pass the Ph.D. preliminary exam at this required level will not be admitted to the Ph.D. program, and will instead continue in the M.S. degree program. For exam guidelines, visit:
<http://ece.ucsd.edu/index.php/graduate/ph-d-degree-requirements>
- Maintain a GPA of at least 3.4 in the appropriate core graduate courses.
- A student who has fulfilled all of the above requirements should, after passing the departmental Ph.D. preliminary exam, submit a petition to change his or her degree objective from M.S. to Ph.D.

The petition is located here: <https://gradforms.ucsd.edu/change/>

****See an ECE Graduate Student Affairs Advisor to discuss the process of transferring to the Ph.D. program and obtain the relevant forms****