6.9992: Academic Progress in PhD- Thesis for Master of Science (SM) in EECS

Prereq: 6.9991 or by permission of instructor
G (Spring, Fall)
6 units
Can be repeated for credit.
For Course 6 graduate students, a thesis is required as part of the Master of Science (SM) degree; the SM degree is a milestone of the EECS PhD degree. This subject provides academic credit for the preparation of the SM thesis. A properly formatted SM thesis, approved and signed by the supervisor, is required. The thesis is subject to departmental approval.
[Grade Options: J/J-/U/P/D/F]
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6.9992 Syllabus

This subject has a single deliverable which is the creation of a thesis proposal describing the research that will be completed for the Master of Science degree in EECS. The thesis research and the thesis proposal are approved by the research supervisor. [Those enrolled in the subject will not meet as a class. All questions pertaining to this subject should be sent to Meredith Bittrich at bittrich@mit.edu or Prof. Kolodziejski at leskolo@mit.edu.]

The following activities are suggested with timelines in alignment with a semester.

1. Review SM thesis proposal approved at the completion of 6.9991 Technical Proposal for Master of Science (SM) in EECS.
2. S. M. Thesis Outline: prepare a detailed outline that describes the chapters planned for the thesis. A description of the sections that make up a chapter should be included. The research supervisor will provide feedback regarding the thesis outline. The detailed thesis outline should be agreed upon by Add Date of the semester [March 6, 2026].
3. Thesis Draft: using the thesis outline, a thesis will be drafted completing each section of each chapter of the thesis. The thesis draft is due by Drop Date [April 21, 2026] of the semester and will be provided to the research supervisor for review and feedback. [The research supervisor may request the thesis draft at an earlier date also; confirm due date of the thesis draft at the start of the semester.]
4. After iteration of the draft due to feedback from the research supervisor, a final thesis is prepared with a standard cover sheet that requires special formatting for the signature of the student, research supervisor, and graduate officer. The approved and signed thesis is due on thesis submission deadline for EECS [May 15, 2026].

4. To complete the subject and to be assigned a grade of P (pass), submit the approved and signed thesis to your PhD status portal by the thesis deadline [May 15, 2026].
5. If the EECS graduate office does not receive the approved and signed thesis by the thesis deadline [May 15, 2026], a grade of J- will be assigned. Enrollment in 6.9992 will be required for a second semester with approximate activities and timelines as described by 1-4 above.

Resources Available to you:

- EECS Grad - PhD Status Portal: https://eecsis.mit.edu/phd_status.cgi
- EECS Grad - Academic Milestones Page: Academic Milestones of PhD in EECS – MIT EECS
- EECS Grad - Road to the PhD 6.9992 Page: Road to the PhD – MIT EECS
- EECS Grad - Thesis Proposal & Thesis Guidelines: Thesis Proposal and Thesis Guidelines
- EECS Grad - Thesis Submission Procedure: Thesis-Submission-Instructions-forWebsite-1.pdf
- EECS Grad - *Sample* SM Thesis Title Page: EECS-SM-Thesis-Title-Page-Sample-9.9.25.pdf
- EECS Grad - *Sample* Dual SM Thesis Title Page: EECS-Dual-SM-Thesis-Title-PageSample-9.9.25.pdf
- MIT Libraries - Thesis Prep Page: MIT Specifications for Thesis Preparation | Distinctive Collections