

The Robotics Institute

Doctoral (PhD) Program Checklist

Academic Year One

ITA Language Certification

From August onward and until satisfied, non-native English speakers obtain a required score of Pass or Restricted One

[Apply for ITA Language Certification](#)

Match Form

By mid-October

Submit the Research Advisor Match Form

Specialized Qualifier Approval

By May / Spring Doctoral Student Review

Any course completed prior to approval is at risk and may not be deemed eligible for the qualifier

[Specialized Qualifier Submission Form](#)

Academic Year Two

Research Qualifier Committee

By December / Fall Doctoral Student Review

Form Research Qualifier Committee: three faculty members and one Robotics Ph.D. student

[Research Qualifier Committee Submission Form](#)

Academic Year Three

Complete Core Course Qualifier (48 units)

Perception: 16-720 or 16-722

Cognition: 10-701, 15-780 or 10-715

Action: 16-741 or 16-711

Math: 16-811

Complete Specialized Qualifier

A sequence of courses totaling at least 48 units of graduate coursework

Complete Research Qualifier

Research Skills

Speaking Skills

Writing Skills

Teaching Assistant in two (2) courses

Academic Year Four

Thesis Proposal

By May / Spring Doctoral Student Review

[Procedures for the Thesis Proposal](#)

Academic Year Five

Draft of Thesis Document

Thesis Defense

[Procedures for Thesis Defense](#)

[Procedures for After Thesis Defense](#)