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