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*