

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

1. **START DATE PRIOR TO FALL 2022**

<https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2025/05/MechEng-Degree-Requirements-Checklist-2-PhD-prior-to-Fall-2022.pdf>

2. **START DATE FALL 2022 AND LATER**

<https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2025/05/MechEng-Degree-Requirements-Checklist-3-PhD-after-Fall-2022.pdf>

3. **DIRECT ENTRY FROM B.SC./B.ENG.**

<https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2025/05/MechEng-Degree-Requirements-Checklist-4-PhD-Direct-Entry.pdf>

4. **M.A.SC. TO PH.D. TRANSFER (TRANSFER DATE PRIOR TO FALL 2022)**

<https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2025/05/MechEng-Degree-Requirements-Checklist-5-PhD-Transfer-prior-to-Fall-2022.pdf>

5. **M.A.SC. TO PH.D. TRANSFER (TRANSFER DATE FALL 2022 AND LATER)**

<https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2025/05/MechEng-Degree-Requirements-Checklist-6-PhD-Transfer-after-Fall-2022.pdf>

CAREER PLANNING REPORT

1. **REPORT TEMPLATE**

https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2024/07/Career_Planning_Template.pdf

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

1. SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVAL FORM

https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2025/05/MechEng_Ph.D.-Supervisory-Committee-Approval-Form.pdf

2. SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT (IF ONLINE INITIATION FAILS)

https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2026/05/PhD-Supervisory-Committee-Meeting-Report_May-2026.pdf

3. PH.D. ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTIFICATION (OPTIONAL FORM)

https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2025/05/MechEng_Ph.D.-Annual-Committee-Meeting-Notification-optional-form.pdf

COMPREHENSIVE EXAM (Start Date Prior to Fall 2026)

1. PH.D. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION (PART A) – EXAMINATION FORM

https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2026/03/MechEng_PriorFall2026_Ph.D.-Comprehensive-Exam-Part-A—Examination-Form.pdf

2. PH.D. COMPREHENSIVE EXAM (PART B) – APPROVAL FORM

https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2025/07/MechEng_Ph.D.-Comprehensive-Exam-Part-B—Approval-Form.pdf

COMPREHENSIVE EXAM (Start Date Fall 2026 and Later)

1. PH.D. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION (PART A) – EXAMINATION FORM

https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2026/03/MechEng_AfterFall2026_Ph.D.-Comprehensive-Exam-Part-A—Examination-Form.pdf

2. PH.D. COMPREHENSIVE EXAM (PART B) – APPROVAL FORM

https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2025/07/MechEng_Ph.D.-Comprehensive-Exam-Part-B—Approval-Form.pdf

DEFENCE & WEBSITES

1. GRADUATE STUDIES: COMPLETING YOUR DOCTORAL DEGREE – THESIS

<https://gs.mcmaster.ca/current-students/completing-your-degree/doctoral-degree/>

2. PHD DEFENCE FLOWCHART

<https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2023/12/phd-defense-flowchart-2019-mech-eng.pdf>