## **FULFILLING MASTER'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS - CHECKLIST** MS Requirement Milestones for Graduate Students (from the beginning of program)

	Procedure	Time Frame of Completion
1	Identify a major professor from the area in which you intend to specialize	1 <sup>st</sup> semester, no later than end of 1 <sup>st</sup> year of enrollment
2	Define advisory committee with major professor, and complete and submit Major Professor Agreement form	1 <sup>st</sup> semester, no later than end of 1 <sup>st</sup> year of enrollment
3	Complete and submit Plan of Study forms (thesis or non-thesis)	No later than 1 <sup>st</sup> year of enrollment
4	Complete all required course work	2 – 3 years
5	<ul> <li>Coursework Requirements (thesis option)</li> <li>Minimum of three core courses (9 credit hours) within your primary area of specialization</li> <li>One core course (3 credit hours) outside your primary area of specialization</li> <li>3 credit hours of Math course</li> <li>Minimum of five ME courses</li> <li>Minimum of twelve (12) credit hours of course work at the 7000 level (4 courses)</li> <li>Register for ME 7901 (ME Graduate Seminar); required to register and attend every semester (excluding summer)</li> <li>Please Note: Seminar attendance requirement for part-time students will be for one semester only.</li> <li>Minimum of six hours of ME 8000</li> </ul>	Before scheduling your final examination

6	Coursework Requirements (non-thesis option)	
		Before scheduling your final
	• Minimum of six courses (18 credit hours) from the list of ME core courses same as thesis option	examination
	• At least one course from each of the three areas of specialization: thermal sciences, mechanical systems, and materials: total 6 credit hours	
	• 3 credit hours in Math same as listed for thesis option	
	• Additional four courses (12 credit hours), approved by the advisory committee	
	• Complete a three credit-hour project under ME 7903	
	<ul> <li>Minimum of 18 hours at the 7000 level</li> <li>Attain a grade of "B" or above in order for a course to qualify toward the degree requirements.</li> <li>Register and attend ME 7901 seminar course for 1 semester</li> </ul>	
7	Present a seminar, discussing the major results of your research. This should occur at the Graduate Student Research Conference scheduled annually. Earning a passing grade in the ME Graduate Seminar Series, ME 7901, is also required	April before graduation
8	Submit Request for final examination forms and complete the Final Examination (defense); if graduating same semester, submit Application for Degree	Request for the final examination must be submitted 3 1/2 - 4 weeks prior to the proposed examination date, and by the current semester deadline, if candidate for degree.
9	ME 7901 attendance requirement is waived	After completing and successfully defending thesis or project defense
10	Complete check-out by returning keys, checked out textbooks, equipment, and submitting check-out/survey form	Before graduation or leaving the university