In addition to departmental requirements, candidates for graduate degrees must fulfill University requirements described in the “Graduate Education” section of the UCSB General Catalog.

- 42.0 units of completed coursework
- Successful completion of Linguistics courses as determined by the ELPE (English Language Placement Exam)
- For letter-graded courses to count towards the MS degree requirements, a student must receive a grade of B or better.

Plan I – Thesis Option:

- Up to 8 units of ECE 598 may be counted towards the 42-unit requirement.
- Of the 34 remaining units, 8 courses must be completed, of which three (12 units) may be approved undergraduate senior elective (100 series) courses.
- The 8 required courses shall not include more than the equivalent of two courses (8 units) from the following: ECE 596, independent study course, or courses taken with P/NP or S/U grading.
- At least 5 of the 8 courses must be in the ECE or CS departments.
- Thesis completed and submitted under the supervision of an ECE faculty member.
- Thesis must be approved by a committee composed of 3 faculty members, 2 of whom must be ECE faculty and the third member could be from another department.

Plan II – Comprehensive Exam Option:

- At least 10 courses must be completed, of which at most four (16 units) may be approved undergraduate level senior elective (100 series) courses towards the 42-units requirement.
- The 10 required courses shall not include more than the equivalent of two courses (8 units) from the following: ECE 596, independent study course, or courses taken with P/NP or S/U grading.
- At least 7 of the 10 courses must be in the ECE or CS departments.
- Must pass the comprehensive exam or its equivalent (i.e. Ph.D. Screening Exam or project).
Residence requirement - minimum 3 quarters
Required units completed = 42.0
Language requirement Satisfied *(if required)*
No grades of I, NR, or NG
3.0 or better GPA overall
Registered quarter of degree or Filing Fee LOA:
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