Requirements for MS in Civil Engineering

Procedures and requirements for the M.S.E. will be as prescribed by the Graduate College under Academic Policies, with additional provisions as follows:

1. At least 15 credits must be earned from courses numbered 700 or above, of which at least 12 credits must be offered by the College of Engineering.

2. The program of study for each student must be approved by the student’s advisory committee. Subject to the approval by the student’s graduate committee, the student may choose one of these options: Thesis Option. Requires the satisfactory completion of CEE 700 during the first year and 21 credits of approved graduate courses plus six credits of work associated with the master’s level thesis, for a total of 30 credits. The final examination will include a defense of thesis. Non-Thesis Option. This course-only option requires satisfactory completion of 33 credits of graduate courses approved by the student’s advisory committee, of which at least 50 percent must be 700 level offered by the College of Engineering.

3. Satisfactory progress is defined as filing an approved program before the completion of nine credits of course work, completion of at least six credits of the approved program per calendar year, maintenance of a GPA of 3.00 (4.00), no grades below C and compliance with the letter and spirit of the Graduate Catalog and published policies of the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering. Additionally, no more than nine credits below B are allowed in the student’s graduate program. If progress is not satisfactory, probation and separation may result, in accordance with the rules of the Graduate College. Any student whose GPA falls below 3.00 will be placed on probation and will have one semester to raise it to 3.00 or above.

4. The student’s Advising Committee should be composed of at least four members of the UNLV Graduate Faculty of which at least two must be tenured or tenure-track members of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, the third from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering or a related field, and the fourth must be appointed by the Graduate College.

5. Each student’s program should show suitable breadth and coherence, as specified in the Graduate Catalog. Prior to filing, the program must receive approval by the student’s committee. An approved program must be filed before the completion of nine credits of course work after admission (regular or provisional). The responsibility rests with the student. Students will be dropped from the graduate engineering program if they neglect this requirement.

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