

Typical* Duration of Ph.D Program in Civil Engineering Department

Case I: Students who have completed course requirements of the M. Tech. / MS (research) program from IIT Kanpur and changed their registration to Ph.D program in the same specialization

Such students must do minimum 72 credits of course work, minimum 72 credits of thesis work and minimum 216 credits of course + thesis work to complete Ph.D.

Expected Progress (after switching to Ph.D program):

1st Semester: Course work

2nd Semester: Comprehensive

3rd Semester: SOTA

5th Semester: Ph.D Seminar I

7th Semester: Ph.D Seminar II

8th Semester: Open Seminar

9th Semester: Thesis Submission

10th Semester: Ph.D Oral Defense

(Approximately 5 years)

Case II: Students joining Ph.D program after completion of Masters degree in Engineering

Such students must do minimum 36 credits of course work, minimum 72 credits of thesis work and minimum 144 credits of course + thesis work to complete Ph.D

Expected Progress:

1st Semester: Course work

2nd Semester: Course work

3rd Semester: Comprehensive

4th Semester: SOTA

6th Semester: Ph.D Seminar I

8th Semester: Ph.D Seminar II
9th Semester: Open Seminar
10th Semester: Thesis Submission
11th Semester: Ph.D Oral Defense

(Approximately 5.5 years)

Case III: Students joining Ph.D program directly after completion of, 1) Bachelors degree in Engineering/Science (4-year program), 2) Masters degree in Science.

Such students must do minimum 72 credits of course work, minimum 72 credits of thesis work and minimum 216 credits of course + thesis work to complete Ph.D.

Expected Progress:

1st Semester: Course work
2nd Semester: Course work
3rd Semester: Course work
4th Semester: Comprehensive
5th Semester: SOTA
7th Semester: Ph.D Seminar I
9th Semester: Ph.D Seminar II
10th Semester: Open Seminar
11th Semester: Thesis Submission
12th Semester: Ph.D Oral Defense

(Approximately 6 years)

*Typical duration means the approximate time taken by most Ph.D students to complete their Ph.D in CE department.

Some students may complete earlier and some may take more time than suggested above. The conclusion of Ph.D program only occurs after the successful oral examination of the Ph.D thesis and completion of other institutional and departmental requirements by the Ph.D student.