

## **Addendum for School of Engineering**

## Exit (Termination) policy for SoE Ph.D. students

The minimum GPA required for Qualification to Candidacy and continuation in the Ph.D. program is 7 at the end of the course work, not counting courses graded as S (satisfactory)/U (unsatisfactory). The end of the course work occurs is deemed to occur with the completion of a minimum of 12 credits of courses (at the end of two semesters) for students who enter the Ph.D. program after completion of a M.Tech. in an appropriate field, and 18 credits (at the end of three semesters) for all other Ph.D. scholars. If a Ph.D. scholar takes more than the required number of credits of such courses in the number of semesters prescribed, the GPA for this purpose shall be calculated using the best performances in at least 12/18 credits of such courses. After two/three semesters of coursework, if this condition is not met, the registration of the scholar shall stand terminated.

The minimum acceptable grade is "C" in any course taken by a Ph.D. scholar. Ph.D. scholars will be allowed one chance to repeat a course to obtain a higher grade. This extra attempt must be completed within the prescribed time limit of two/three semesters.

Ph.D. scholars shall take and clear a qualifying exam in addition to satisfactory completion of the required course work and research methodology, to be considered Qualified to Candidacy for the Ph.D. degree. The content and form of the qualifying exam will be decided by each department in consultation with the SoE Director. If a Ph.D. scholar fails to clear the qualifying exam on his or her first attempt, they will be allowed a second attempt within 3 months. If a Ph.D. scholar fails to clear the qualifying exam in two attempts, the registration of the scholar shall stand terminated.

This policy is effect from academic year 2016.