Timeline for Ph.D. Students in the Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering (CAE)

3 Years (typical) for students entering the Ph.D. program with an M.S. in a closely-related engineering field
4 Years (typical) for students entering the Ph.D. program without an M.S. in a closely-related engineering field

Coursework:
- Ph.D. with a prior M.S.: 18 credits (minimum)
- Ph.D. without a prior M.S.: 42 credits (minimum)

Qualifying Exam (written and oral)

Pre-Candidacy (CAE 830)
- Year 1
- Meet the CAE Graduate Program Director (Dr. Giancaspro)
- Select and meet your CAE Graduate advisor
- Attend New Student Orientation
- Review degree requirements
- Attend UMGS "Flash Writing Fridays" (thesis workshop)
- Explore resources on the CAE and UMGS websites
- Establish a Supervisory/Dissertation Committee
- CAE Graduate Program of Study to CAE Graduate Program Director
- Dissertation proposal to committee members
- Dissertation Defense Notice to UMGS
- Transfer credit (optional): CAE Procedure for the Transfer of Graduate Credit

Post-Candidacy (CAE 840)
- Dissertation Proposal
- 1 semester minimum
- Dissertation (thesis)
- 10 days minimum
- Dissertation proposal to committee members
- Dissertation to committee members
- Defense Notice to UMGS
- Enroll in CAE 840 during semester of defense
- Certificate of Defense Approval to UMGS
- ETD Final Content Approval Form to UMGS
- Enroll in CAE 840 during semester of graduation
- ETD Availability Agreement to UMGS
- Dissertation to UMGS

Not drawn to scale: Milestones and durations are approximate, as the timeline is intended to provide a modicum of structure and guidance for incoming students. Actual duration depends on many factors, especially whether the student already has an M.S. degree. Department and university policies and procedures may change. Students must regularly consult with their advisor, the CAE Graduate Program Director, and the Graduate School for changes and additional requirements.

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Abbreviations:
UMGS = University of Miami Graduate School
CAE = Civil, Arch., and Env. Engineering Dept.
Legend:
- Milestone
- Critical milestone
- Standard paper form to complete
- Dynamic form to complete online
- Other documentation to submit
- Dissertation (thesis)

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