PRELIM EXAM: Should be taken within first two semesters in the program or completing hours whichever is earlier. Should clear this requirement during first 18 hours (R1.5 years) Z L W Kost two attempts. Students who could not pass the prelim by this time will be dismissed from PhD program (e.g., transferred to MSIE program).

Requires 3.25 GPA from 700 and above level PhD courses
A 3.5 GPA from 700 and above level WSU PhD courses is required.
Portfolio:

- D &RS\ RI WKH 36,7 DQG 326 VLJQHG E\ WKH DGYLVRU
- WSU, related courses at UG/MS, Scholarly activity) DQG
- G 2-page self- UHIOHFWLRQ SDSHU RQ 3K' VWXGHQW¶V SURJUHVV I second year.

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The content of the first year paper may vary from student to student, can be one or more of the items from the non-exhaustive list below:

- D review of papers on a potential research topic
- E a paper which may reflect the research activities with your advisor (e.g., research report, journal paper or extended conference proceeding)

Exams are scheduled GXULQJ WKH ZHHN EHIRUH RU WKH ILUVW ZHHN RI W QR H[DP LQ WKH VXPPHU WHUP

Student presents the paper in 15 minutes. Advisor and Grad Committee PE evaluate the paper and presentation.

The committee provides feedback to the student WiZZH Ns

A student who does not have an advisor is assessed over 90 points (i.e., would lose 10 points for not having an advisor)

All papers will be submitted to safe assignment tool for plagiarism. If there is plagiarism, VWXGHQW ZLOO K DYH automatic fail LQJ JUDGH and dismissal from the program (i.e., no second chance).