University of Alabama

Master of Science in Civil Engineering
Thesis Option (Plan I): 30 Credit Hours
Plan of Study (minimum of 30 credit hours)

- 6 hours of CE 599 Thesis Research
- 3 hours of CE 593/693 Practicum
- 21 hours of approved coursework
  - 9 hours of core coursework (see below)
  - 6 hours maximum of approved 400-level courses
  - 12 hours maximum of approved transfer credit
  - 15 hours minimum of CE courses
- Thesis Committee and Defense
  - Minimum of three graduate faculty, with the majority from the department and at least one member from outside the department
  - Maximum of two attempts to pass defense
  - The Committee may require additional prerequisite courses (not allowed as part of the Plan of Study) for those students without an ABET/EAC-accredited degree
- Maximum of 6 years to complete degree requirements

Non-Thesis Option (Plan II): 30 Credit Hours
Plan of Study (minimum of 30 credit hours)

- 0-3 hours of CE 593/693 Practicum
- 0-3 hours of CE 598 Non-Thesis Research
- 24-30 hours of approved coursework
- Approved Coursework (24-30 hours)
  - 9 hours of core coursework (see below)
  - 6 hours maximum of approved 400-level courses
  - 12 hours maximum of approved transfer credit
  - 18 hours minimum of CE courses
- Comprehensive Exam and Committee
  - Minimum of three graduate faculty, with the majority from the department
  - Maximum of two attempts to pass exam
  - The Committee may require additional prerequisite courses (not allowed as part of the Plan of Study) for those students without an ABET/EAC-accredited degree
- Maximum of 6 years to complete degree requirements