Appendix 9 to the School of Engineering and Digital Sciences PhD student Handbook of the autonomous organization of education Nazarbayev University

## Sequence of milestones for SEDS PhD programs

## Year 1

- Take core/elective courses in both semesters
- > By the end of the Spring Semester:
  - ✓ [Annex 2] Have SC approved

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## Year 2

- Fully dedicated to thesis research
- > By the end of the Fall Semester:
  - ✓ [Annex 3] Sit RQE (if failed, can be retaken within 3 months, and, if failed again, up for dismissal)

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## Years 3, 4 (and possibly 5 and 6)

- Fully dedicated to thesis research
- > By the end of the Spring Semester:
  - ✓ [Annex 6] Sit PRC examination (if failed, retake it within 3 months, and, if failed again, up for dismissal)
- From Year 4 onward:
  - ✓ [Annex 7] Submit PhD Thesis, and