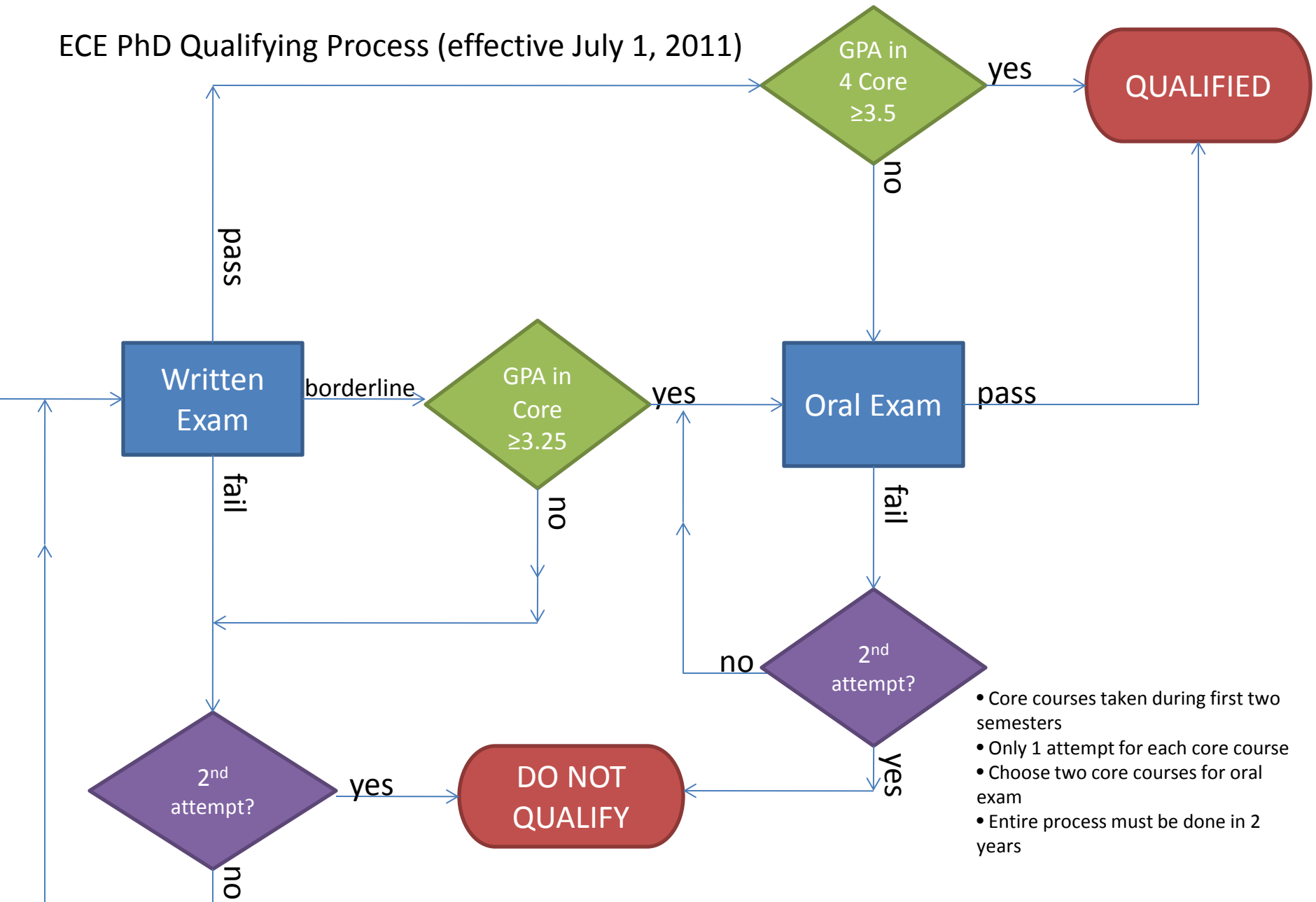


# ECE PhD Qualifying Process (effective July 1, 2011)



- Core courses taken during first two semesters
- Only 1 attempt for each core course
- Choose two core courses for oral exam
- Entire process must be done in 2 years

## Phase I: Written Exam

- Written exam on undergraduate material to be taken during first year
- Two attempts allowed, three opportunities to take
- PhD Qualifying Committee will recommend raw score thresholds for pass, borderline pass, and fail (e.g. pass  $\geq 65$ ; borderline pass 55 to 64.9; fail = 0 to 54.9)

## Phase IIa: Oral Exam

- Oral exam on two graduate core courses
- Eligibility for oral exam
  - Students who earn clear pass on written exam;OR
  - Students who earn borderline on written exam *and* whose GPA is  $\geq 3.25$  in core courses taken during first two semesters (one attempt only) are eligible for oral exam phase

## Phase IIb: Course-based criteria (Fast-track)

- Any four core courses taken in first two semesters, one attempt only
- Students who earn clear pass on written exam eligible for course-based phase
- One attempt per course over first two semesters\*
- Students may declare any four core courses to meet GPA  $\geq 3.5$
- Students who fulfill course-based criteria are not required to take the oral exam; qualifying requirement is satisfied.

\*Part-time students may be given up to four semesters to fulfill course-based phase; such exceptions will be considered and granted on a case-by-case basis