

Program Coordinators

Program Coordinators are faculty members who are appointed to coordinate all matters related to their respective graduate degree programs in collaboration with the Department Chairs and the Assistant Deans of their colleges. Some of the Assistant Deans for Research and Graduate Studies also serve as the coordinators of their PhD programs in their colleges. The names of the Coordinators are listed along with the titles of the graduate programs on the CGS's webpage.

Faculty Advisors

Every graduate student has an academic advisor who is a faculty member in the academic department that is home for the student's degree program. The Advisor is responsible for guiding the student on all academic matters concerning the student's program of study. Students must choose their advisors, or have advisors assigned to them, by the end of their first semester of enrollment. The Colleges record the advisors designation in the Banner Student Information System. Students in Master's programs who choose to pursue a thesis option may have their advisors serve as their thesis supervisors as well. However, some colleges may have their own procedures for the appointment of thesis supervisors. Check with the college's Office of the Assistant Dean for Research and Graduate Studies for details.

Students in Doctorate programs are advised to meet and consult with multiple faculty members who are pursuing research of common interest before they select an advisor. A student may change his/her advisor by submitting a "Request to Change Advisor". Normally, students in Doctorate programs may not change advisors after they have begun their dissertation research.

Students who need assistance or have questions concerning any academic matter should consult their advisors first. If the advisor does not address the student's matter satisfactorily for any reason, then the student should seek assistance from the program's Coordinator or the Assistant Dean for Research and Graduate Studies of his/her college.