

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND PLANNING

Academic advising is provided to graduate students by designated faculty members who are associated with graduate programs in the colleges.

Student Advisory Committee

Every graduate student must have an Advisory Committee, which consists of the student's faculty advisor and one or more faculty members. The membership of the Committee varies depending on the student's level (i.e. Master or Doctorate) and the program's orientation (i.e. academic or professional). The Committee, which is headed by the student's Advisor, is responsible for monitoring the student's academic progress and provides guidance for the student's timely and successful completion of the degree requirements. The student acknowledges the formation of the Advisory Committee by signing the "Advisory Committee" form prepared specifically for the student.

Student Study Plan

Every graduate student needs a Study Plan, which is essentially a 'road map' of the requirements that the student must successfully complete in order to attain the degree. The Advisor along with the student and in coordination with the Advisory Committee prepare the Study Plan before the end of the first semester of the student's enrollment. The student indicates his/her acceptance of the plan by signing the "Study Plan" form prepared specifically for the student.

Time-to-Degree

The maximum time allowed for a student to complete the requirements of the degree after matriculation into a program depends on the level and type of the degree program. The following is the time limit students have to complete their degree requirements by degree program type, which excludes any official leave of absence periods:

- **Master and Doctor of Pharmacy programs:** 8 semesters.
- **Professional Doctorate programs:** 10 semesters.
- **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program:** 12 semesters.

Students who do not complete their degree requirements within the allotted time will be dismissed from the university. An extension for one semester may be granted in extra-ordinary circumstances.