

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.

Graduate Student Ambassadors

The Graduate Student Ambassadors (GSA) is group of graduate students who serve as a liaison between the graduate student community and the College of Graduate Studies on matters related to graduate education.

The GSA comprises of students representing all active graduate degree programs—one student per program, except for the PhD program, which has one representative from each college. Representatives are nominated by their program Coordinators, and approved by the Assistant Dean for Research and Graduate Studies of the college, to serve for a one-year term at a time. GSA members are selected during the first month of each Fall semester for that academic year. A student may serve for a maximum of two terms. To be selected, a student (1) must have completed at least one semester in the program and (2) must be in Good Academic Standing.

GSA members are expected to be good ambassadors for graduate studies at UAEU to the internal and external communities. They should help promote graduate education and serve as advocates for other students in their respective programs and

