

Mentoring Committee

1. All students will form a 4-5 member Mentoring Committee by the Spring Semester of Year 1. The decision regarding the precise number of faculty members is up to the student and mentor. Some may value receiving early input from faculty who will eventually serve on a dissertation defense committee. Some may value the efficiency that a smaller committee can afford.
2. This committee will assist in the development and evaluation of the First Year Project and provide advice on course selection, research design, developing timelines, and other issues as they arise.
3. The first meeting of this committee should be in the Spring of Year 1 to discuss the First Year Project as well as other aspects of graduate training (e.g. future course selection).
4. The committee will meet in the Fall of Year 2 to evaluate the recently completed First Year Project as well as other aspects of graduate training (future research plans, course work).
5. Following Year 2, the committee will meet annually, either in the Fall or Spring.
6. Following the completion of each meeting the student needs to turn in the progress report indicating the meeting has taken place.
7. The committee should be expanded to the dissertation committee prior to the dissertation proposal meeting.
8. Committee composition can be changed at any time.
9. It should be noted that the student's mentor is the primary advisor. As such, the purpose of the Mentoring Committee is to provide a broad perspective to further enrich the student's development. The meetings with the Mentoring Committee are not meant to substitute for the advisor-advisee relationship.

Student: _____

Meeting Dates:

1. Mentor: _____

Year 1: _____

2. _____

Year 2: _____

3. _____

Year 3: _____

4. _____

Year 4: _____

5. _____

Year 5: _____

Year 6: _____