

Composition of Advising Committee

The composition of the Advising Committee can be the same as the First-Year Committee. The committee should consist of a chair (or co-chairs), plus two additional members. The chair (or co-chairs) of the committee should be tenure-related faculty in Psychology. One (and no more than one) member on the committee can be either a non-tenure-related faculty member in Psychology e.g., an individual who has a contract with the department, or an individual who holds additional academic credentials, such as a “research scientist” at a research institute or a tenure-related position at another institution, or a tenure-related faculty member from another department. For clinical students, one committee member must be tenure-related clinical faculty. The composition of the committee must be formally submitted to the graduate secretary (using the form “Composition of Advising Committee”) as soon as the committee is established after the completion of the First Year Project.

Student’s Name: _____

Print Faculty Name	Faculty Signature	Date
Chair/Co-Chair,		
Co-Chair (optional)		
Member		
Member		

Policy note: Graduate students must have a major advisor. The advisor-advisee relationship requires initial and continuing mutual consent for that relationship. When either the student or the advisor feel that an advisor change should be considered, they should immediately consult the GEC chair and graduate secretary to discuss options. If either the student or the advisor decide that an advisor change is necessary (or when a change is forced upon the student, due to an advisor’s incapacitation or departure from the department), the GEC chair will assign a faculty advocate to the student, to help the student negotiate the processes of either finding a new advisor, or transitioning out of the graduate program. If a student goes longer than 6 weeks (not including university break periods) without an advisor, the graduate school will be notified, an action which could result in the student’s termination from the program. Faculty may agree to advise students for a trial period, and the student would be considered to have an advisor during this period.