



**TITLE:** Advisors for Graduate Students

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2013

**LAST REVIEW:**

**NEXT REVIEW:**

**POLICY OWNER:** Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

**PROCEDURE CONTACT:** School of Graduate Studies

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**POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

Students are assigned an initial advisor upon admission to a program. However, students sometimes change advisors after taking some courses and meeting faculty who share their area of interest.

- A change of advisor must be approved by the new advisor, the chair or graduate coordinator of the academic unit, and the Dean of Graduate Studies.
- A [Change of advisor Form](#) must be submitted to the School of Graduate Studies for the change to be effective.
- Non-degree students who are taking graduate courses will not be assigned an advisor. However, they may ask a faculty member to serve as an advisor on an informal basis.