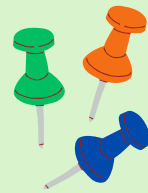


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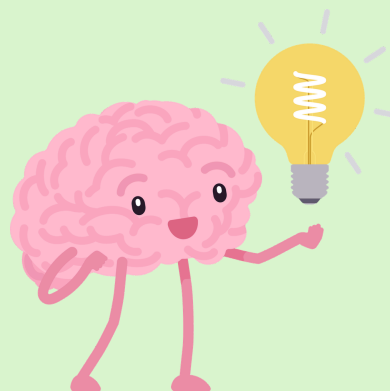
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Advisor Requirements:

The graduate advisor is a mentor for all aspects of the scientific and professional education of the student.

- Serves as chair of the student's committee
- Tracks the student's progress to ensure that requirements of the program and of the student's committee are completed in a timely manner.



First-Year Research Project (FYRP):

NACS students will engage in a research project in their first year that culminates in a written report and oral presentation to their committee members. Students are required to meet with their committee three times in their first year.

FYRP Timeline:

October 15: first meeting occurs by this date

February: second meeting occurs by the end of this month

October 15: (the following fall semester) student presents research report

Qualifying Exam (QE):

The purpose of the Qualifying Examination (QE) is to provide the student with an assignment that demonstrates the student's ability to integrate the existing literature in his/her area of study and propose logical next steps in answering questions to which we currently lack sufficient answers.

QE Timeline: the QE process starts in the Spring of the student's second year.

- **February:** QE Info Meeting (advisors are required to attend with students)
- **March 31:** QE committee form due
- **April 30:** Tentative title due
- **August 31:** submit written QE to committee
- **September 30:** Committee evaluates written QE & shares the outcome
- **November 30:** Oral QE takes place

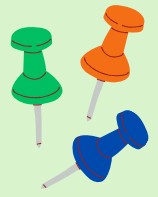
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Dissertation Proposal:

Before the end of the student's eighth semester, the student will present his/her dissertation proposal at an evaluation meeting of his/her dissertation committee.

The student must have an approved protocol:

- **IACUC** for animal research
- **IRB** protocol for human research

Dissertation Defense:

The PhD must be the result of original, independent research; the dissertation is the report of that research.

Students are encouraged to use their published papers in their dissertation.

Students should adhere to the Graduate School guidelines when writing and formatting the dissertation.

Check the NACS Graduate Student Handbook for details.



Advancement to Candidacy:

Students are eligible to submit the candidacy application form after they have:

- Passed the QE
- Completed their FYRP
- Complete all core course requirements

Registration: once the student has advanced, the Registrar's Office will enroll them in **NACS 899**.

Payroll: students will receive an official candidacy letter from the Graduate School. They should send the letter to the payroll office in their home department. Payroll will move the student to Step III and increase the stipend.

Graduation:

Students must meet the graduation deadlines set by the Graduate School for the semester they plan to graduate.

Graduation requirements:

- Apply for graduation on Testudo
- Submit Nomination of Dissertation Committee form
- Committee members sign the Report of Examining Committee (REC) form
- Submit dissertation to ProQuest