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## Advisory Committee

- Each MSc candidate conducts thesis research by working closely with a Thesis Advisor who provides academic guidance and interacts regularly with the student.
- Each MSc candidate is also required to have an Advisory Committee consisting of at least two Graduate Faculty members (in the selection of whom the student normally participates).
- The Advisory Committee\* is as follows:
  - **Advisor**
    - Can be any member of the SoCS Regular Graduate Faculty. The Advisor is the Chair of the Advisory Committee.
  - **Co-Advisor** (optional)
    - Can be any member of the Regular Graduate Faculty or Associated Graduate Faculty from SoCS or another department.
  - **Committee Member(s)**
    - Can be any member of the Regular Graduate Faculty or Associated Graduate Faculty from SoCS or another department.

*\*At least one committee member must be appointed from Regular Graduate Faculty.*

**The Advisory Committee must be established not later than the mid-point of the Student's second registered semester.**

## Seminar Requirement

- An MSc student must give one publicly announced research seminar on his/her MSc thesis research.
- The seminar must be attended by the student's Advisor and at least one other member of the student's Advisory Committee.

## **MSc Defence Examination Committee**

The Examination Committee of an MSc candidate is normally composed of four members as follows:

- **Chair**
  - Can be any member of the Regular Graduate Faculty of SoCS to act as Chair of the Master's Examination Committee.
  - The Chair cannot be a member of the Advisory Committee.
  - Is assigned by the Graduate Progress Committee through a fair-share, lottery process.
- **Advisory Committee Member**
  - Normally, includes the Advisor (but does not have to be the Advisor).
  - Is assigned by the Advisory Committee.
- **Second Committee Member**
  - Can be any member of the Associated Graduate Faculty or of the Regular Graduate Faculty who may or may not be a member of the Advisory Committee.
  - Is assigned by the Advisory Committee.
- **Graduate Faculty Member**
  - A fourth member appointed from among Regular Graduate Faculty from another department or from SoCS.
  - Cannot be a member of the Advisory Committee.
  - The Advisory Committee will supply the Graduate Progress Committee with the names of up to 3 preferred Graduate Faculty members. The Graduate Progress Committee will consider these names when making their approval.