
Advisory Committee

- Each PhD candidate conducts thesis research by working closely with a School of Computer Science (SoCS) Advisor.
- The student is also required to have an Advisory Committee consisting of at least two additional Graduate Faculty members approved by the SoCS Graduate Committee (and normally selected with the participation of the student).
- The Advisory Committee is as follows:
 - **Advisor**
 - Can be any Regular Graduate Faculty member of SoCS. The Advisor is the Chair of the Advisory Committee.
 - **Co-Advisor** (optional)
 - Can be any Regular or Associated Graduate Faculty member of SoCS or another department.
 - **First Committee Member**
 - Can be any Regular or Associated Graduate Faculty member of SoCS or another department.
 - **Second Committee Member**
 - Can be any Regular or Associated Graduate Faculty member of SoCS or another department.

** At least two committee members must be appointment from SoCS*

The advisor must be appointed when the student is admitted. The Advisory Committee must be established no later than the mid-point of the Student's second registered semester.



Seminar Requirement

- Each PhD student must give two publicly announced research seminars on their PhD thesis research:
 - *PhD Seminar 1 Committee* is composed of the SoCS Advisor, who will act as Chair, and another member of the Advisory Committee. It is recommended that the entire Advisory Committee attend.
 - *PhD Seminar 2 Committee* is composed of two members of the Advisory Committee, and two other members of the SoCS Regular Graduate Faculty.

PhD Qualifying Examination (QE) Committee

The QE Examination Committee of a PhD candidate is normally composed of five members* as follows:

- **Chair**
 - Can be any member of the Regular Graduate Faculty of SoCS, assigned by the Graduate Progress Committee and approved by the SoCS Director.
 - The Chair cannot be a member of the Advisory Committee.
- **Two Advisory Committee Members**
 - Normally, includes the Advisor.
 - Are assigned by the Advisory Committee.
- **Two Graduate Faculty**
 - Can be any two members of the Regular or Associated Graduate Faculty who are not members of the Advisory Committee.
 - The Advisory Committee will supply the Graduate Progress Committee with the names of up to three preferred Graduate Faculty members and the Graduate Progress Committee will consider these names when making their approval.

PhD Defence Examination Committee

The Examination Committee of a PhD Student is normally composed of five members as follows:

- **Chair**
 - Can be any member of the Regular Graduate Faculty of SoCS to act as Chair of the PhD Examination Committee.
 - The Chair cannot be a member of the Advisory Committee.
 - Is assigned by the Graduate Progress Committee and approved by the SoCS Director.
- **External Examiner**
 - An External Examiner from outside of the university is appointed on behalf of the Dean of Graduate Studies by the SoCS Director, in consultation with the Advisor and Graduate Progress Committee.
- **Two Advisory Committee Members:**
 - Normally, includes the Advisor.
 - Are assigned by the Advisory Committee.
- **Graduate Faculty Member:**
 - Can be any member of the 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 five preferred Faculty Members and the Graduate Progress Committee will consider these names when making their approval.