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| Effective: | August 15, 2014 |
| Responsible Executive: | Dean of the Graduate School |
| Applicability: | Graduate Students |
| Review By: | August 2022 |

The Dean of the Graduate School is the general counselor to all graduate students. A faculty advisor or major professor will be designated for each student in accordance with departmental policy. There also will be an advisory committee for each student. The major professor generally serves as the chair of the advisory committee. In the case of co-chairs, at least one must be a member of the graduate faculty at the appropriate level at Auburn University. Some required forms and reports regarding the student's program must be approved by the major professor, advisory committee, department head or chair and the dean of the Graduate School. Students should ascertain which signatures must be obtained.