

13.99.99.R0.37 **Orientation and Advisement of Graduate Students**

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Procedure Summary

The Graduate Council establishes basic standards for graduate student orientation and advisement.

This procedure outlines the requirements regarding graduate student orientation and advisement.

Procedures and Responsibilities

- 1 Each academic department with a graduate program must make available a systematic orientation program for all its graduate students early in their graduate studies.
- 2 Each academic department with a graduate program will institute and offer an effective and systematic advisement program for all graduate students who are admitted to the program.
- 3 In order to ensure that graduate students receive individualized advisement to help them meet their academic needs and professional goals, each department must:
 - 3.1 Assign a qualified advisor early in the student's graduate study;
 - 3.2 Ensure that students are informed who their adviser is and that they know how to obtain advising early in their program;
 - 3.3 Ensure that advisors receive adequate training in advising graduate students;
 - 3.4 Ensure that advisors are knowledgeable in the use of relevant data to assist students in determining their major field of interest or specialization;
 - 3.5 Permit advisors to have ready access to advisee's records;
 - 3.6 Ensure that the number of advisees assigned to each advisor is reasonable.
- 4 Each academic department will evaluate its orientation and advisement programs yearly and use the results to enhance the effectiveness of assistance to students.
- 5 Results of the evaluation of departmental orientation and advisement programs will be kept on file in the department for three years.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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