University of Oklahoma Department of Philosophy

Graduate Student Advising Schedule

For students entering with a BA only:

Year in program	Advising events	Initiator	Purpose
Year 1	Each new entering phd student will meet with the Graduate Director at the beginning of their first semester. The Graduate Director will initiate these meetings.	Graduate Director	To discuss and address any problems that have arisen in the student's first week or so of classes. To introduce the students to the Graduate Director.
	Toward the end of their first academic year, each student must meet with a small advisory committee made up of members of the Graduate Studies Committee, together with any additional faculty the Committee thinks should be there.	Graduate Studies Committee	To advise the student about appropriate courses to take in the upcoming year. To discuss the student's plans for the summer, perhaps to suggest readings or projects that she should work on over the summer break.
Year 2	After successfully passing their qualifying exam in the Spring, each student must form her advisory committee, and schedule a meeting of that committee before the end of the Spring semester.	Graduate Student	To make and discuss plans for the student's future progress through the phd degree. This may include, but it not limited to, discussing possible dissertation topics, construction of a reading list for the student, discussion of future courses the student will take, (ballpark) possible dates for the general exam, etc. The student should bring copies of their advisory conference form for each committee member, with as much information filled in as possible.
Year 3+	At the end of every Spring semester, each student must meet with her advisor and any other members of her advisory committee (if any) that she or her advisor deem necessary.	Graduate Student and Dissertation Director	To continue to discuss and plan the student's future course through the program. (In the third year, the date should be set for the student's general exam.)

For students entering with an MA in philosophy:

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Year 1	Each new entering phd student will meet with the Graduate Director at the beginning of their first semester. The Graduate Director will initiate these meetings.	Graduate Director	To discuss and address any problems that have arisen in the student's first week or so of classes. To introduce the students to the Graduate Director.
	After successfully passing their qualifying exam in the Spring, each student must form her advisory committee, and schedule a meeting of that committee before the end of the Spring semester.	Graduate Student	To make and discuss plans for the student's future progress through the phd degree. This may include, but it not limited to, discussing possible dissertation topics, construction of a reading list for the student, discussion of future courses the student will take, (ballpark) possible dates for the general exam, etc. The student should bring copies of their advisory conference form for each committee member, with as much information filled in as possible.
Year 2+	At the end of every Spring semester, each student must meet with her advisor and any other members of her advisory committee (if any) that she or her advisor deem necessary.	Graduate Student and Dissertation Director	To continue to discuss and plan the student's future course through the program. (In the third year, the date should be set for the student's general exam.)