

## UF- ENGLISH PROGRAM PRACTICES

Questions 1A, 1B - Communication with Potential Doctoral Students

Questions 2A, 2B – Admission

Questions 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D – Orientation and Advisement

Questions 4A, 4B – Social Interactions

<b>Questions</b>		<b>Answers</b>
1A	When potential graduate students contact your department for information, who handles the inquiries? (Please provide the title rather than names)	Graduate Coordinator, Associate Graduate Coordinator, and the Program Assistant Graduate Coordinator
1B	What type of information is usually sent in response to such inquiries?	Email and references to material on website
2A	Who in your department makes the decision about which applicants to admit (or to recommend for admission)? (Please provide the title rather than names).	Admissions and Awards Committee (composed of five faculty)
2B	What criteria are used in making this decision?	Writing sample, statement of purpose, three letters of recommendation, transcripts, GREs
3A	How does your department orient new students to graduate study?	Two-week orientation before classes begin and continuing meetings throughout first year.
3B	Who handles initial course advisement for new doctoral students, and how is that person selected?	Graduate Coordinator. Council of the Department advises Chair on the appointment of the Graduate Coordinator, who normally serves first as the Associate Graduate Coordinator for two or three years.
3C	Describe the process by which a student selects or is assigned a dissertation chair.	It is the student's responsibility to approach a dissertation chair.
3D	Can students in your department change dissertation chairs? If so, how is that change accomplished?	Yes. In consultation with the Graduate Coordinator.
4A	Other than formal coursework, does your department offer, sponsor, or	We have several interest-based groups established by the graduate students and a

	support activities designed to foster social support and/or collaborative learning among doctoral students? (e.g., study groups, student organizations, student-student mentoring programs) If so, please describe.	formal department-wide graduate student organization. All of these groups organize conferences and other academic and social events. Finally, there is the GAU, the graduate student union for collective bargaining.
4B	Does your department hold regular social activities in which students can interact informally with faculty members and other students? If so, please describe	Yes. There are two departmental parties (welcoming and holiday) per year, plus several social gatherings organized by the English Graduate Organization. There are also events organized by individual faculty.