

UGA - ECONOMICS 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

| Questions | | Answers |
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| 1A | When potential graduate students contact your department for information, who handles the inquiries? (Please provide the title rather than names) | Graduate Coordinator or the GC Assistant |
| 1B | What type of information is usually sent in response to such inquiries? | We refer the potential student to our web site for further information. |
| 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). | A committee that consists of the department head, the graduate coordinator, and the chair of the graduate programs committee. |
| 2B | What criteria are used in making this decision? | Excellent quantitative skills based on GRE, college transcript; a clear enunciation of student's goals and objectives that are consistent with a career choice as economics PhD. (based on essays); strong letter of recommendations from credible sources regarding potential for student to successfully complete the program; effective performance in economics at the undergraduate or masters levels. |
| 3A | How does your department orient new students to graduate study? | Through the web site and an orientation session before the initial semester, with GC. |
| 3B | Who handles initial course advisement for new doctoral students, and how is that person selected? | GC. The department head recommends GC. |
| 3C | Describe the process by which a student selects or is assigned a dissertation chair. | Students are on their own. A few years ago, we began an internal seminar series for first year students, which give them an opportunity to hear our faculty talk about |

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| | | (mostly informally) their research and areas of expertise. This can help with their selection of dissertation advisor later. |
| 3D | Can students in your department change dissertation chairs? If so, how is that change accomplished? | Yes, if mutually agreeable by student and advisor. |
| 4A | Other than formal coursework, does your department offer, sponsor, or 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. | Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE) is a college-sponsored organization of graduate students in economics. |
| 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. We have a fall social for faculty, staff, and graduate students after the semester begins, which introduces incoming students to the department. We also have a spring, end-of-year social for faculty, staff and graduate students. |