

NCS- COMPUTER SCIENCE 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	
1A	When potential graduate students contact your department for information, who handles the inquiries? (Please provide the title rather than names)	Admissions Specialist and Counselor
1B	What type of information is usually sent in response to such inquiries?	Answer and URLs to WebPages and email
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 Committee but the DGP is the final authority.
2B	What criteria are used in making this decision?	Total package - school, grades, letters, statements, etc
3A	How does your department orient new students to graduate study?	Part of NCSU orientation plus a course required in first semester
3B	Who handles initial course advisement for new doctoral students, and how is that person selected?	DGP
3C	Describe the process by which a student selects or is assigned a dissertation chair.	Mutual agreement of student and advisor
3D	Can students in your department change dissertation chairs? If so, how is that change accomplished?	Yes by mutual agreement of chairs and DGP.
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	Yes, seminars, many social interactions within research groups.

	organizations, student-student mentoring programs) If so, please describe.	
4B	Does your department hold regular social activities in which students can interact informally with faculty members and other students? If so, please describe	Once a year but faculty attendance is poor.