

NCS- MATHEMETICS 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)	Director of Graduate Programs (DGP) Graduate Program Administrator (GPA) Graduate Secretary (GS).
1B	What type of information is usually sent in response to such inquiries?	Whatever is requested? We responded by email/phone/visit depending on the situation
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).	DGP and GPA
2B	What criteria are used in making this decision?	GPA GRE School Attended Performance in Higher level math courses Letters of recommendation
3A	How does your department orient new students to graduate study?	Workshop prior to start of semester Meeting with advisors
3B	Who handles initial course advisement for new doctoral students, and how is that person selected?	DGP and GPA for students on TAs. DGP and GPA and Research Advisor for students on RAs or Fellowships
3C	Describe the process by which a student selects or is assigned a dissertation chair.	Students ask who they want who must then agree. Sometimes faculty recruit students with RAs,
3D	Can students in your department change dissertation chairs? If so, how is that change accomplished?	Yes Request of either student or dissertation chair and consent of new chair and student. Old chair cannot stop the process.
4A	Other than formal coursework, does your department offer, sponsor, or	Support the math grad student assoc, which arranges activities. DGP is advisor to MGS.

	<p>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.</p>	
4B	<p>Does your department hold regular social activities in which students can interact informally with faculty members and other students? If so, please describe</p>	<p>There are regular teas. The individual research groups also have their own activities.</p>