

**UF- CIVIL & COASTAL ENGINEERING
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)	Graduate Coordinator Assistant Coordinator
1B	What type of information is usually sent in response to such inquiries?	Graduate program brochure and web site address.
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).	Faculty members in the areas of discipline of the applicants.
2B	What criteria are used in making this decision?	Recommendation letters, school records, work experience and GRE score.
3A	How does your department orient new students to graduate study?	The graduate coordinator and staff meet with the new graduate students in the first week of each semester.
3B	Who handles initial course advisement for new doctoral students, and how is that person selected?	If the student has an assistantship, the faculty member offering the assistantship will be the initial advisor. Otherwise, a faculty member in the area of discipline of the student will be the initial advisor.
3C	Describe the process by which a student selects or is assigned a dissertation chair.	The faculty member offering the assistantship is usually the dissertation chair. If the student is not supported by an assistantship, he/she can ask a faculty in his area of interest as his/her dissertation chair.
3D	Can students in your department change dissertation chairs? If so, how is that change accomplished?	Yes. If a student changes his/her dissertation topic, he/she may change his/her dissertation chair. This is done by filling out a new Ph.D. Supervisory Committee form and by approval of the

		graduate school.
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.	Yes. Each area within the department may hold seminars for graduate students to present their research work to other graduate students.
4B	Does your department hold regular social activities in which students can interact informally with faculty members and other students? If so, please describe	The department holds a social gathering for the graduate students and faculty once per semester. Each area within the department may hold social gatherings for the graduate students within the area.