

UF - 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)	Graduate Secretary, Selection Committee Chair, Graduate Coordinator.
1B	What type of information is usually sent in response to such inquiries?	Varied. In case of specific program queries, individual response by e-mail is typical.
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; The offer letters are signed by Department Chair and Selection Committee Chair.
2B	What criteria are used in making this decision?	GPA, GRE, recommendation letters, good performance in advanced mathematics courses.
3A	How does your department orient new students to graduate study?	Orientation week before start of fall semester: incoming class addressed by Chair, Associate Chair, Graduate Coordinator, and teaching staff; orientation includes videotaping of students simulating class presentations, with discussion and feedback.
3B	Who handles initial course advisement for new doctoral students, and how is that person selected?	Initially done by the Graduate Coordinator.
3C	Describe the process by which a student selects or is assigned a dissertation chair.	Student selects. Some come with the intention of working with a specific advisor. Some choose advisor based on contact in classes or seminars. Often (on advice of the Graduate Coordinator) student will first take a reading course with a potential

		advisor, in order to test 'fit' before entering committed relationship.
3D	Can students in your department change dissertation chairs? If so, how is that change accomplished?	Students may change dissertation chairs; small amount of paperwork needed.
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.	Several seminar groups have closely-knit graduate student populations: for example, UF chapter of SIAM (Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics) holds regular social events, in addition to active academic program.
4B	Does your department hold regular social activities in which students can interact informally with faculty members and other students? If so, please describe	Weekly mathematics colloquium preceded by social time for faculty and students; fall and spring social events organized by Graduate Mathematics Association (run by students).