

UGA - PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY 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
1B	What type of information is usually sent in response to such inquiries?	Names of Professors, web addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses.
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).	We have a Departmental Admissions Committee consisting of five professors. One is the Graduate Coordinator.
2B	What criteria are used in making this decision?	GRE scores, transcripts and letters of reference.
3A	How does your department orient new students to graduate study?	NO ANSWER PROVIDED
3B	Who handles initial course advisement for new doctoral students, and how is that person selected?	The Graduate Coordinator handles initial course advisement for new doctoral students.
3C	Describe the process by which a student selects or is assigned a dissertation chair.	The student and maybe several different professors will work together in a lab. Once the student has decided which direction his research should take, then he and the professor decided who will be dissertation chair.
3D	Can students in your department change dissertation chairs? If so, how is that change accomplished?	Yes, they can change dissertation chairs. The student and the Professor make that decision. The student may change his research and will need to change Professors.
4A	Other than formal coursework, does your department offer, sponsor, or	NO ANSWER PROVIDED.

	<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>Our Department has a yearly picnic; we have at least two days where we honor graduate students and undergraduate students in the department.</p>