

Graduate Student Guide

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INTRODUCTION

This guide was written with two major goals: to help new students navigate their first week or two with a minimum of trouble, and to provide a general reference containing information of use throughout their graduate career. There is a lot of information, but we've tried to keep it as user friendly as possible.

If you need help, or have a question and can't find the answer here, contact one of your graduate student representatives (grad reps in 2011-12: Amy Zimmerman – amy.zimmerman@uci.edu and Cecilia Batmalle – c.batmalle@uci.edu) or Pam McDonald (E&E office staff who handles graduate student affairs; email pmcdonal@uci.edu or ph. 949-824-4743 (X4-4743 from on-campus phones). Pam is available between 8 and Noon, Monday through Friday.

PART 1: SETTLING IN

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

The absolute latest you should get to UCI is Wednesday of the week before orientation week (or two weeks before classes start). This should allow you enough time to take care of paperwork and other matters which must be completed by the Friday before Orientation Week, some of which must be handled in person.

You should receive and file a Statement of Legal Residence online before arriving (Registrar's Office sends them to all applicants who have accepted admission). If you have not received it, you should go to the Residence Classification website <https://www.reg.uci.edu/slr/Welcome.do> and fill it out there. **Failure to provide a Statement of Legal Residence form may result in a hold being placed on your registration.**

You must register for classes by September 15 (see “Registration” in Part 5). This is something you can take care of online before arriving at UCI so be sure to do it before the deadline to avoid late fees. See “Graduate Courses” in Part 5 for a list of classes to register for.

You should also make housing arrangements before you arrive. You should have received information about guaranteed on-campus housing (for PhD students) and followed those instructions in early May if you plan to live on-campus.

Finally, a word of forewarning. If you are a T.A. (teaching assistant) or G.S.R. (graduate student researcher), you will not get your first paycheck until November 1st.

Housing

Housing in Orange County can be fairly expensive. As a graduate student, your best bet is probably student housing. Most of the students in E&E have chosen this option.

There are five student apartment complexes at UCI. The oldest one is Verano, which also features family housing for those with children. Verano is also the least expensive

option. See <http://www.housing.uci.edu/rates.asp> for housing prices. The Verano Housing Office phone number is 949-824-5964.

Palo Verde houses mostly students (as opposed to non-student family members). Rents there are a bit steeper. The Palo Verde Office number is (949)824-8397.

Vista Del Campo and Vista Del Campo Norte are privately owned and managed apartment communities located on the UC Irvine campus, offering furnished apartments to single undergraduate students, except freshmen, and graduate students. For information on the two Vista Del Campo communities, go to www.vistadelcampo.com.

Puerta del Sol is the newest apartment complex. For information on this option, go to <http://puertadelsolliving.com/>.

For more information see the Graduate and Family Housing website at <http://www.housing.uci.edu/graduate/>.

AFTER YOU ARRIVE

Again, plan on arriving on campus no later than two weeks before the start of the Fall quarter. In addition to the points mentioned above, you will also have T.A. training and lab safety training before classes begin. More on these points later.

When you first arrive on campus, you should check in with the Departmental Office and with your advisor so that they know you have arrived. Contact Bing Barcega in the E&E office at 949-824-7134 or bbarcega@uci.edu to make an appointment to complete your employment paperwork. Please bring identification documents, as they are needed for payroll entry. Without them, you cannot be entered into the payroll system. Forms of identification are your choice. You can click on the following link to determine which document(s) you will need to bring to your appointment in order to complete the I-9 (eligibility to work) form <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf>.

International students need to bring all pertinent visa/passport documents to their meeting with Bing. You can click on the following link to view the check-in process and specifically what is needed at <http://www.ic.uci.edu/students/newstudent.php>.

The E&E Office is in 321 Steinhaus Hall (for a campus map see <http://www.uci.edu/campusmaps.php>). It is helpful to get to know the staff in the office. Identify yourself as an incoming graduate student to the Department staff, located in SH 321. The Student Services Coordinator, Pam McDonald, is located in SH 321A.

The department mailboxes are in 322 Steinhaus Hall (across the hall from the Department Office). You should check yours regularly for potentially important information. Most department notices are sent by email, but occasionally paperwork may be put into the mailboxes. Graduate student mailboxes are straight ahead as you enter the mailroom door.

Checking in with your advisor should be one of the first things you do. Your advisor should be providing you with some sort of office space (a desk at least) and should start you on your quest to obtain keys (see “Keys” in Part 2 below).

In the weeks before classes, the First-Year Graduate Student Committee will review your previous academic training for deficiencies. They will notify you with the results of their review. If you are found 'deficient', you might be advised to either audit or take for credit an undergraduate course in the appropriate area. The basic course series for first year students is discussed under “Graduate Courses” in Part 5 below.

Training for teaching assistants also takes place during the week before classes begin. The dates will be included in the letter sent to you by Pam McDonald in early summer. If you have any questions about this training, you can contact the Pedagogical Fellow (PF), who is the person in the Department who will be training you. This training is very helpful in a number of ways, and is required in the summer before your first teaching appointment (see Parts 3 & 7 for more information).

All new students also must take a Laboratory Training class - a three hour online course on lab safety and emergency procedures run by Environmental Health & Safety - during September.

The Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity (OEOD) offers a sexual harassment prevention workshop to assist with preparing Teaching Assistants for the upcoming year. It is considered essential that they be knowledgeable regarding sexual harassment prevention and resources available on campus. This session is held during the week before classes for new TAs. All continuing TAs are expected to complete online training accessible via the web at: <http://training.newmedialearning.com/psh/ucirvine/>.

If you'll be driving to campus, see “Parking” in Part 2 for a way to cash in on the 'alternative transportation' deal.

If you are from out-of-state, you need to get started on establishing residency as soon as possible to avoid problems down the road. See “Establishing Residency” in Part 3 to find out what you need to do.

PART 2: LIFE AT UCI

STUDENT PHOTO ID CARD

UCI photo ID cards are often required when conducting business with various campus services. The IDs are available for all graduate students at UCItems in the Student Center <http://www.ucitems.uci.edu/>. You will need to have your student identification number with you.

KEYS

You can obtain a Key Issuance Form from the EEB office. Your advisor should be able to help you fill in the appropriate room numbers. You will also need to have him/her sign the form. Next, return the form to the department coordinator in SH 321. When you are notified that your key order is ready for pick up, you will go to the campus lockshop to collect your key(s). Be sure to have your photo ID available when you go to the lockshop. Key orders can take up to a week to complete.

MAIL

Incoming mail is delivered to your mailbox. For faster delivery, have senders include the Department suffix (Zot Code: 2525) after the ZIP code. Your new address is:

Your Name
University of California, Irvine
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
321 Steinhaus Hall
Irvine, CA 92697-2525.

Outgoing mail (US & Campus) can be placed in the mail boxes outside of McGaugh Hall. Document and Delivery will sort the mail out for distribution.

PHONES

To make calls

1. On-campus: Dial the five digit extension (the first number is always 4).
2. Off-campus: Dial "9" first, then the seven digit telephone number.
3. Toll Call/Long Distance: Dial "9" then "1" for domestic calls, (or 011 for international), then the area code and telephone number. Calls outside the U.S. require the use of a calling card - it is not possible to dial direct from most labs. Check with your advisor regarding his or her policy on long distance phone calls.

The campus area code is "949" and the prefix for campus extensions is "824".

In the event of an emergency

1. When using a campus telephone extension or any payphone located on campus, **Dial 911**.
2. Inside an elevator - All UCI campus elevators are equipped with emergency call boxes. Each box has a push button that connects directly to the UCI Police Department **UCIPD 911** via speakerphone.
3. If you are outside a building, look for an emergency phone. These yellow emergency phones with blue lights on top are located on the campus ring mall and in many campus parking lots. Each box has a push button that connects directly to the **UCIPD 911** via speakerphone.
4. From a cellular telephone: Dial **949-824-5223** to reach the business line. Some calls to 911 from cellular phones (each company is different) are routed to the California Highway

Patrol (CHP). If you call 911 from a cellular phone make sure you give your exact location using the full name and "University of California Irvine".

If you have any questions about the features available on the campus phones and how to use them, the campus telephone directory will guide you. A summary of services is available at the Office of Information Technology (OIT),
<http://www.oit.uci.edu/telephone/docs/TelephoneTrainingGuide.pdf>

zotALERT System

One of several modes of emergency communication used at UCI, **zotALERT** is an emergency alert system that uses cell phone text messaging to quickly reach the UCI community with emergency and safety related information. The system will not be used for routine announcements. However, zotALERT messages will be sent periodically to test the system and to promote emergency preparedness.

An enhancement has been made to zotALERT that will send email copies of zotALERTs issued in emergency situations to all current faculty, staff and students. This will provide an additional notification mechanism to text messaging, which is not 100% reliable. It will also help get the word out to those who do not have cell phones or find notification through text messaging ineffective. Redundancy is an important component of emergency communication strategy.

The service is fully hosted off-site by Mir3 in redundant secure data centers so it does not rely on campus systems. More information can be found at <http://www.oit.uci.edu/zotalert/>. Students are strongly encouraged to sign up for zotALERT messages. You will need a "text-enabled" cell phone.

Login to **StudentAccess**

Click **Change of Address**

Update your **Emergency Contact Information** and provide your cell phone number.

E-MAIL

Each student has an e-mail account based on his/her UCInetID. Use this address for official communication with the University. To access your free e-mail account, you will need to officially activate it. There are easy instructions for doing this on the Office of Information Technology (OIT) web page at <http://www.nacs.uci.edu/ucinetid/>; Click on Activate my UCInetID. Be sure to have your student ID number and Social Security number available.

FAX

There is a fax machine in the Departmental Office, which can be used both to send and receive faxes. The fax number is (949) 824-2181. Faxes directed to you will be put in your mailbox. Cover sheets are available near the fax machine. You may ask department staff for assistance with the use of this fax machine.

PHOTOCOPIES

Photocopy machines are located in Steinhaus Hall (SH322) and also on the second floor of McGaugh Hall. These copiers require code numbers. There are copy codes for courses and for research grants. You can ask your Major Professor about whether he/she has a code that you can use for research related copying. Ask department staff for instruction on using the copiers.

You can use the photocopiers in the libraries for personal copying. Campus ID cards can be used for printing and photocopying at all UCI Libraries and can be swiped at any copier, microform reader/printer, or print release station to pay for copies/prints. Library copy/print cards are also available for purchase to patrons without campus ID cards, and for departmental use. Funds can be added to both campus ID cards and Library copy/print cards, and Library copy/print cards may be purchased, at Value Adding machines located in the Langson, Science, and Grunigen Medical Libraries.

PARKING

Parking at UCI is currently running \$54/month. Parking permits can be obtained online at <https://www.parking.uci.edu/> or from the Parking and Transportation Office in Room 200 in the Public Services Building, at the corner of Berkeley and Pereira (section C9, Building 7 on campus maps). If you are getting to campus by 'alternative' (non-car) means you are eligible for the Alternative Transportation Incentive Program. To receive incentives, you must register at the Parking Office. Check out the Parking and Transportation website <http://www.parking.uci.edu/AT/incentives/graduate.cfm/> for a list of incentives.

A good way to avoid parking costs is to ride the OCTA bus. For a \$95 membership fee, you can purchase a "University Pass" card for unlimited access to the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) bus system 24 hours a day throughout the county. Stop by the Parking and Transportation Services Office, and have your ID card with you. The card is valid from the time you enroll until June 30th.

LOCAL STORES

The most convenient grocery store to campus is Albertson's, across Campus Drive from Verano housing. It is fairly large and also includes a pharmacy. Trader Joe's is also just across the street from the UCI campus in the University Town Center Shopping Area on Campus Drive.

For health/organic/vegetarian foods, you can try Wholesome Choice Market at Culver and Michelson, or Mother's Market at 2963 Michelson in Irvine or 19th Street in Costa Mesa

Target is located at the corner of Culver and Barranca in Irvine. There are also several Costco stores in Irvine and surrounding communities.

CAMPUS RECREATION

The Anteater Recreational Center (ARC) is equipped with two different gymnasiums, an elevated running track, a rock-climbing wall, a fitness lab, several activity rooms, and a 10,000 square foot weight and cardio room. Its Aquatics Plaza contains a 25 by 25 yard heated recreational lap pool. Students can pursue their own fitness programs or participate in a myriad of campus recreation programs. These programs include in-line skating, scuba, kickbox aerobics, Aikido, sailing and more. Tours of the ARC are available by calling X45346 to make an appointment or you can check out the ARC at www.campusrec.uci.edu.

PART 3: PERSONAL FINANCE

LOCAL BANKS

Bank of America, Wachovia, Wells Fargo, Chase and the School's First Credit Union currently have ATMs on campus, located at the Student Center. Any U.C. employee (including T.A.s and G.S.R.s) can join School's First, and it generally offers better deals than the banks.

GETTING PAID

If you will hold a Fall TA or GSR appointment, please be aware that you will not receive your first paycheck until November 1st. This is due to the way the UC System works. The up side is that you're still getting paid for the 9-month appointment on July 1 of next year. Recipients of most fellowships should get their first check on October 1st.

In order to get paid by November 1st, make sure that your employment paperwork is taken care of as soon as you arrive to UCI. Make an appointment with Bing Barcega in the E&E office (949-824-7134) to get things rolling.

Once you start getting paid, paychecks are available on the first working day of the month. If the first falls on a weekend or holiday, checks will be available on the last workday prior to the first of the month. The only exception is January 1st - the release date for this check is announced each year (usually available on the first working day after January 1st).

You can have your paycheck and/or fellowship check deposited electronically by the University - in fact, they highly recommend that you sign up for direct deposit. This not only means you do not need to go to the bank, but if you bank with Schools First Federal Credit Union, your payroll check is deposited a day early, with the exception of the January 1 pay date. An additional benefit to direct deposit is that because fellowship checks are not generated through the payroll system, we cannot guarantee that they will arrive on the 1st of each month. While they are issued on the 1st, often they do not arrive to the department office for up to three days later due to holidays, campus closures, etc. With direct deposit, your fellowship check will be in your account on time.

You can view non payroll-related (fellowships) pay stubs online after logging on to your zot account online at <https://zotaccount.uci.edu/>. You will need to sign up under Payroll's direct deposit service, DEFT, at <http://snap.uci.edu/viewXmlFile.jsp?resourceID=2908>. You can view your payroll-related pay stub online through At Your Service, and Bing Barcega can assist you on the procedure to view and edit your personal information online. If you do not have direct deposit, you can pick up your paycheck in Bing's office on the day that checks are distributed.

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Standard pay is currently about \$1885.50 gross per month or \$5656 per quarter (\$16,968 per academic year if you TA all three quarters). However this amount can change pending cost of living adjustments.

FELLOWSHIPS

There are a few points worth noting about the different kinds of fellowships available. Most importantly, be aware that income taxes (Federal and State) are not automatically deducted from fellowship stipends, as they are from paychecks. To avoid possible trouble down the road, you will probably need to make quarterly payments (known as Estimated Tax Payments) to the IRS and California Franchise Tax Board. Check out IRS Publication 970 ("Tax Benefits for Education"), IRS Form 1040-ES and Franchise Tax Board Form 540-EZ for more information. These forms are available in many public libraries or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (Fed) or 1-800-852-5711 (State) or via the internet.

Many fellowships cover fees in addition to providing a stipend. If this is true for you, the fellowship should be noted on your ZotBill. You will need to register for a minimum of 1 unit before the fee payment will be activated however (see "Registration" in Part 5 below). If your bill continues to show a balance after you have registered, you should go to the Graduate Division Office in 120 Aldrich Hall to sort things out.

You are encouraged to apply for NIH, NSF or private fellowships. Contact your Faculty Advisor and the Departmental Grad Advisor for assistance. They can help you identify potential funding agencies and will guide you through the application process. Also, please remember: Never send an application directly to the agency without first speaking to one of the financial analysts in the department. Each faculty member has an analyst assigned to his/her accounts. You should talk to the analyst assigned to your Advisor.

Money to cover some types of research expenses, such as travel, can be obtained from the department and school. See "Support for Travel" in Part 6 for more information on this topic.

FEEES

The cost of attending UCI for 2011-2012 is \$4625.17 per quarter (for California residents). Graduate Division provides a partial fee remission for teaching assistants and the

Department covers the remaining fees. If you are a GSR, all your fees are covered by the grant. Many fellowships also pay your fees in full.

Your quarterly fees include a number of charges in addition to the basic university fees, including fees for the Student Center and the Bren Events Center. The other sizable charge is for student health insurance. If you are covered by some other medical insurance, you don't have to be on the University's student health insurance plan (see "Health Insurance" in Part 4).

Billing is handled via a monthly statement ("ZotBill"). It includes a breakdown of all charges/debits as well as any credits, including financial aid handled directly by the University. It is strongly recommended, if you are paying for your own fees, that payment be made electronically, though payments will be accepted by mail or at designated campus drop boxes. Be sure to put your name, address and account/student ID# on all checks and correspondence. You should get an informational brochure with your first bill. If you will TA in 2011-12 and do not fill out hiring paperwork before July 24, your zotbill will show that you owe for your fees. However, as soon as you meet with Bing, who will enter your appointment into the payroll system, your zot account will show that they are covered.

ESTABLISHING RESIDENCY

The U.C. system is considerably more expensive for non-California residents. During your first year as an out-of-state graduate student, non-resident tuition is paid by the Department but after that, if you are still a non-California resident, you will be responsible for this charge. It is therefore vital that you establish yourself as a California resident during your first year.

In order to be considered a resident, you must obtain a Petition for Resident Classification from the Office of the Registrar, fill it out, and return it to them by the appropriate deadline. You then produce the required proof of residency at the end of one year. If you don't start the proceedings early, you won't establish your residency in time and will have to pay the higher fees. Contact the Residence Deputy in the Office of the Registrar, at x4-6129 or regres.uci.edu if you have questions, or look at the Registrar's Office website at www.reg.uci.edu/registrar/residence/index.html.

FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Financial aid to graduate students is available from the federal government in two forms. The first is grants and fellowships, and the second is student loans. For both types, domestic students need to file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If you applied for federal financial aid as an undergraduate, you are probably already familiar with most of the procedures. You can submit the FAFSA on-line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. The instructions are fairly straightforward. This should be done each year that you are in the graduate program whether or not you are looking for financial aid. If funds become available through department fellowships, for instance, it is usually required and it saves some time to have filled this out already.

The Financial Aid Office is in 102 Aldrich Hall. Be aware that this office handles a lot of traffic and consequently doesn't have a lot of time. You should educate yourself about the system as much as possible and ask questions as needed. You can call the Financial Aid Office at x4-8262. You can also access their web page at www.ofas.uci.edu.

PART 4: MEDICAL CARE

HEALTH INSURANCE

UCI provides a mandatory Graduate Student Health Insurance Program (GSHIP) for all registered graduate students and international students who pay full registration fees and attend the University of California, Irvine. The program includes medical, dental, and vision year round, with an option to waive out if you have what is considered to be equivalent private coverage (<http://www.garnett-powers.com/gship/uci/waiving.htm>). The cost of the program is included as a part of your fees. Your insurance is in effect as of the first day of fall quarter, providing your fees have been paid and you are enrolled. Insurance premiums are paid in Fall, Winter and Spring quarters only. Paying fees and enrolling in spring quarter will extend insurance through summer until the beginning of the subsequent academic year.

Further information about the program, important telephone numbers, and other useful links are available on the GSHIP website at <http://www.garnett-powers.com/gship/uci/>. If you have a question not addressed on the website, please contact the Insurance Coordinator, at (949)824-2388.

ACCIDENTS

UC Irvine employees are covered under Worker's Compensation Insurance. The Student Health Center does not see patients as a result of injury and/or sickness that arise out of or in the course of their employment. On the job injury is not covered under GSHIP insurance. However, if the student/employee has GSHIP insurance and does not want to report or claim the injury under Worker's Compensation, he/she can be treated at the SHC, emergency room, or urgent care using GSHIP insurance. For an emergency after hours, please call (888) 344-6098 to access participating providers or visit www.uhcsr.com.

See the information below for Student-Employees with work related injuries as directed by HR.

All student-employees and volunteers with work-related injuries

Employees or their supervisor must contact UCI Worker's Compensation Desk at 949-824-7008 during regular working hours to obtain medical authorization within 24 hours of any injury.

ALL WORK RELATED INJURIES MUST BE REPORTED via the On-line Incident Form available at the Human Resources website at

<http://snap.uci.edu/viewXmlFile.jsp?resourceID=457>, and link to Workers Compensation or call (949) 824-7008.

Newport Urgent Care, (949) 752-6300 (located off campus, [map](#) and hours)

Occupational Health Clinic, (714) 456-8300 (at UCI Medical Center, [map](#) and hours)

East Edinger Urgent Care, (714) 541-8464 (located off campus, [map](#) and hours)

Occupational Services, (562) 933-0085 (located at Long Beach Memorial Hospital, [map](#) and hours)

PART 5: THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

CLASSES AND REGISTRATION

Graduate Courses

Graduate core courses. Students must complete a minimum of 5 core courses during their first six academic quarters. Two of those courses are required graduate level courses that all students must take:

Eco Evo 207 Quantitative methods in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (typically in the first year)

Eco Evo 204 Writing Grant Proposals (typically in the second year)

In addition students must take one course each in the areas of Physiology (P), Ecology (Ec), and Evolution (Ev). Although all three courses can be taken at the graduate level (G), one of the three courses may be taken as an upper division undergraduate course (U). The list of acceptable courses is currently limited to:

E/E 208, Physio206A-B (GP), Anatomy201 (GP), EarthSS 268 (GP), E109 (UP), E188 (UP), E138 (UP), E170 (UP), E127 (UP)

E/E205 (GEc), E/E251 (GEc), E118 (UEc), E151 (UEc), E166 (UEc), E186 (UEc)

E/E206 (GEv), E135 (UEv), E137 (UEv), E168 (UEv), E153 (UEv)

If a student wishes to request an exemption, she/he must submit a written request for an exemption to the First Year Committee justifying the reason for the exemption.

Departmental seminar series. Most quarters there is a Departmental Seminar Series (Eco Evo 201), where seminars are presented by research scientists from UCI as well as other universities. All graduate students are strongly encouraged to attend these seminars.

Advanced graduate courses. The department offers advanced graduate seminar courses (eg: 210, 221, 223, 285) in evolution, ecology, statistics and comparative physiology.

University teaching. If you are a teaching assistant for a class, you can sign up for Eco Evo 399 (University Teaching) for 4 units.

If you don't have enough regular courses to make up the required 12 units each quarter, the difference is usually made up with research units (Eco Evo 200). You should check with your advisor just to be sure.

Registration

Registering for classes at UCI is fairly simple, and is handled online. Instructions can be found on the Registrar's Office website <http://www.reg.uci.edu/registrar/soc/webreg.html>. See the Schedule of Classes (<http://websoc.reg.uci.edu/perl/WebSoc>) for course codes, under Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

As a graduate student, registering for classes is really just a matter of form. Be sure to register and pay fees, if necessary, for each quarter before the deadlines - penalties for late fees run about \$50-\$100. Vital dates are listed in the Registrar's Office website at <http://www.reg.uci.edu/navigation/calendars.html>.

In general, you must register and assure that fees have been paid for the next quarter by Week 10 of the current quarter.

Be aware that the P/NP (pass/no pass) option is not allowed for grad students in graduate classes, though it is allowed if you are taking an undergraduate class as long as it is not being used as one of your core classes.

GRADUATE TIMETABLE

You should receive a copy of "Programs, Policies & Guidelines for Graduate Study in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology" from Pam McDonald. It can also be found on the departmental website http://ecoevo.bio.uci.edu/grad_program/policies&procedures.pdf. It contains all the details of what you can expect and what is expected of you while you are at UCI as a masters student or as a doctoral student. This section is intended simply as an overview.

All students must complete five Graduate Core Courses during their first six academic quarters. There are then two big events and one recurring smaller one on the timetable for doctoral students. The small one consists of your Advisory Committee meeting, which occurs every six months (see below). The big ones are your Advancement Exam and your Dissertation Defense (see further below). Masters students are required to have similar Advisory Committee meetings and a Dissertation Defense. They do not have an advancement exam. See the "Programs, Policies & Guidelines..." manual for further details about the Masters Program.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Your advisory committee consists of three people - your advisor and two other faculty members that your advisor and you agree upon. These other members can be from outside the department and even off-campus, although tradition and ease of scheduling make it easier to keep things within the campus community.

You will meet with your committee formally in October and April to discuss your progress, current proposals, and future plans (first year students do not have to meet with their committee in the fall quarter). A memo is distributed the month before to remind you to schedule your meeting. After each meeting, your advisor will write a letter to you discussing your progress, with a copy sent to the department. In addition, you are required by the School of Biological Sciences to turn in a form signed by your committee members approving your progress thus far after each meeting (see Appendix C for Fall and Spring forms). A committee headed by the Graduate Advisor evaluates each student's progress once a year, based on these letters. This review is usually just a formality; if there are problems, they are taken up by the faculty as a whole during a faculty meeting.

Advancement Exam

Your advancement exam takes place when you are ready to defend your dissertation proposal, typically during your third or fourth year. Because NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant proposals cannot be submitted until you have advanced to candidacy, most students are encouraged to take the exam at the beginning their third year.

Composition of Advancement to Candidacy Committee

1. The advancement committee must have five members.
2. All members must be voting members of the University of California academic senate (members from other UC campuses do not require a request for exception)
3. If the student wishes to include a non-voting senate member or faculty from another university (non-UC), the student must submit a written request for exception to the Graduate Dean prior to scheduling the advancement. These individuals may not serve as Chair, a departmental committee member, or outside member. Approval is at the discretion of the graduate dean and may not be granted by the departmental graduate advisor, thesis advisor, or Associate Dean of the School of Biological Science.
4. A majority of the members must be appointed in the student's Department. The Office of Graduate Studies is receptive to some flexibility in the departmental affiliation of the committee members if there is an academic rationale. A request for exception and justification should be submitted prior to appointing a committee.
5. The major professor serves as Chair of the committee; the Chair must hold a primary or joint appointment in the student's department.
6. At least two members (in addition to the chair) must hold a primary or joint appointment in the student's department.
7. The "outside member" must be an academic senate member of the Irvine campus (must be regular rank faculty from UCI, may not hold a primary or joint appointment in the student's

department, may be in the general area of Biological Sciences, but should not be in the student's research area).

There is a nomination form for the Advancement Committee (Appendix B) that must be signed by the Graduate Advisor, Dr. Jennifer Martiny, and submitted to Pam McDonald before the exam is taken. It will be placed in your student file. This form assures that all members of your advisory committee are qualified to sit on the committee.

The oral examination covers the student's major field of specialization, the proposed research to be developed, and other areas of biology. The student will be expected to demonstrate knowledge in these areas, as approved by the student's Advisory Committee. Each student should consult with members of his/her Advancement to Candidacy Committee about the member's expectations for the oral exam well before the exam takes place.

There is paperwork that needs to be filed after completing the exam, as well as a \$90 filing fee. Go to <http://www.grad.uci.edu/forms/> to print out the necessary form to take to your exam.

Dissertation Defense

This tends to be more-or-less a formality. The public is invited to your defense seminar and may ask questions afterwards. Everyone but your advisory committee (back to three people) is then asked to leave so that the committee can ask further questions. This question period tends to be fairly short, usually lasting less than half an hour. There's paperwork for this one too, which you can pick up from the Graduate Division website (see above) or from the Library Archives. They also have question and answer workshops once per quarter.

Submitting the Dissertation

The library is particular about the format of the dissertation. Instructions on how to print it are available in a manual you can purchase from the University Bookstore, from Library Archives, on UCI's Graduate Division web page, or at the Libraries Research Resource website located at http://www.lib.uci.edu/libraries/collections/special/uci_td/tdmanual.html. If you are going to be writing up your dissertation as you go along, you might as well put things in the correct format right from the start.

DEPARTURE FROM UCI

Before candidates leave UCI, they are expected to do each of the following:

- Provide the department with a clean copy of your dissertation. It does not need to be hardbound as long as it has some sort of durable cover.
- Sign all personnel and payroll forms. Make an appointment with Bing Barcega (bbarcega@uci.edu; X7134) at least 5 days before you leave to do this.
- Return all departmental and school property (e.g., keys, etc.). Obtain a receipt when returning keys and show it to Bing when signing personnel and payroll forms.
- Provide the department with the title and location of the first position accepted after graduation.

- Provide the department with an email and forwarding address.
- If at any time during your training you received support from a training grant, you must file a termination report with the supporting agency.

ALUMNI E-MAIL FORWARDING

All UCI graduates have the opportunity to set up a permanent email address “UCInetID@alumni.uci.edu” that will forward your alumni email to an address of your choice. Please note, this is only an email forwarding service, not an email account. The service is provided by UCI at no cost to you – it does not require membership in the UCI Alumni Association. It’s a way to stay connected with the university, friends and colleagues. To set up your @alumni.uci.edu address, visit: <http://signup.alumni.uci.edu> (UCInetID Login Required)

PART 6: THE ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Department Chair

Our Chair is Dr. Brandon Gaut (5205B McGaugh Hall, x4-2564, bgaut@uci.edu). His responsibilities include representing the department to the dean of the school and to the chancellor, coordinating and planning departmental goals and objectives, and having final authority in many departmental decisions.

Department Vice Chair

Our Vice Chair is Dr. Larry Mueller (401 Steinhaus Hall, X4-4744, ldmuelle@uci.edu). His responsibilities include teaching assignments for both faculty and graduate students, serving on the Schools’ undergraduate curriculum committee, and acting as Chair in the absence of Dr. Gaut.

Departmental Staff

See the departmental website at <http://ecoevo.bio.uci.edu/admin/staff.html> for a list of departmental staff members and their primary assignments.

Graduate Student Advisor

The Graduate Advisor is Dr. Jennifer Martiny (3029 Bio Sci 3, X0487, jmartiny@uci.edu). She is in charge of graduate student affairs, such as the annual review of student progress and the stewardship of the policies and procedures governing graduate studies. She also serves as a liaison between students and faculty, representing students’ interests (a function shared with the grad student reps). If you have questions or problems related to your tenure or treatment as a graduate student, consider taking them to Dr. Martiny.

Graduate Student Representatives

The Grad Reps are elected by the grad students, typically once a year. The Grad Reps serve as the second mechanism of graduate representation to the faculty, by attending faculty meetings as the graduate voice and coordinating faculty reviews by the grad students. They also bring information back from the faculty to the students. If you have ideas or complaints about the way the department runs, problems with particular faculty members, or similar troubles, your first stop should probably be the Grad Reps. Please make them your first stop before approaching the Chair, Vice Chair or Department Administrator about matters relating to the grad students as a whole.

Graduate Student Representatives:

Amy Zimmerman	Cecilia Batmalle
BS3 3300; X42772	Croul Hall 1311; X41458
amy.zimmerman@uci.edu	c.batmalle@uci.edu

Other Advising

The University provides a number of support services for graduate students. Throughout their graduate career, graduate students in the department should feel free to contact the graduate advisor of the department to discuss in a private setting any issues of concern and/or to help guide the student to other appropriate services. Other offices that offer support services include the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity (issues of discrimination and harassment, <http://www.eod.uci.edu/>, 949-824-5594), the UCI Counseling Center (personal issues, <http://www.counseling.uci.edu/>, 949-824-6457), and the Office of the Ombudsman (dispute resolution services, <http://www.ombuds.uci.edu/>, 949-824-7256).

Pedagogical Fellow:

Tadj Schreck
SH 494; X46140
tschreck@uci.edu

SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology is one of four departments that make up the School of Biological Sciences. The other three departments are Developmental and Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Behavior, and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry.

Many graduate students and faculty have benefited from interactions with members of other departments. Don't hesitate to seek out advice from people in other departments if you need expertise in their area of study.

The following lists show some of the Biological Science administrators and special facilities shared by all the departments.

Al Bennett

Dean

NSII 5127

4-5316

Michael Mulligan	Assoc. Dean, Graduate Studies	MH 5217	4-8433
Michael Leon	Assoc. Dean, Undergrad Studies	MH 1268	4-5343
Benedicte Shipley	Assistant Dean	NSII 5137	4-7059
Kristen Caplin	Personnel Manager	NSII 5145	4-4695
Yuanshun Chen	Director of Finance	NSII 5109	4-4247
Robyn Stiffler	Facilities/Purchasing Manager	NSII 5120	4-8284
Steve Carlyle	Director of Computing	NSI 2115	4-3110
Carolyn Willmann	Bio Sci Student Affairs	BS3 2 nd floor	4-4699

The School of Biological Sciences is spread over several locations. The list below will give you an idea where to find the various departments and facilities.

Department Offices:	Location	Ext.
Developmental and Cell Biology	BS3 2011	4-5347
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	SH 321	4-6006
Molecular Biology and Biochemistry	MH 3205	4-4915
Neurobiology and Behavior	MH 2205	4-8519
School Offices:		
Administrative Offices	NSII 5120	4-5315
Facilities Office	NSII 5211	4-8085
Undergraduate Student Affairs	BS3 1 st floor	4-5318
Undergraduate Teaching Laboratory	SH 249	4-6952
Computing Support Helpdesk	NS1 2115	4-3555
Facilities:		
Image Works - Electron reproduction microscope and photography	NS1 2112	4-6414
Dishwashing/Autoclave Facility	MH 4311	
Machine Shop	SH B20	4-6994
Arboretum	See campus map	4-5833
Greenhouse	See campus map	4-6049
Vivarium – special access key card required	MH Basement	4-6030
Image Works Copy Center	NS1 2115	4-6414

A variety of services and equipment are available through the School of Biological Sciences; most will require a grant or other fund number.

PAPERWORK AND OTHER DETAILS

The department staff has prepared the following guide to help you deal with necessary paperwork. It is extremely important to understand procedures, especially if money is involved, so read this section carefully.

Purchasing

To place an order for supplies and/or equipment, complete the departmental purchase order worksheet, which can be found at <http://ecoevo.bio.uci.edu/admin/forms.html> and be sure to fill in all the important information such as account/fund numbers, vendor info, requester's contact info, and any special instructions about the order. Next, obtain the approval signature from faculty advisor or the person with signature authority in the lab. If the order is based on a quotation, be sure to attach it along with the purchase order worksheet. Next, give the PO worksheet to the department purchaser directly: Thanh Pham, SH 313, phone: 949-824-4776, email: phamn@uci.edu.

The PO worksheet will be projected and approved by the designated analyst. Should she have questions about the use of the account and fund, she will contact either you or your faculty advisor directly. It is within the new departmental policy that all purchases will be delivered to the main office, SH 321. The purchaser, Thanh, will send out pick-up notices to the requesters as the orders come in and notify them if there are backordered items, etc. However, there are some items that can be delivered directly to the lab such as equipment, temperature sensitive items, and/or services. Should this be the case, fill in the comments/special instructions on the form including the lab location. Also, be sure to bring the packing slip back to Thanh as she needs this document to complete the order.

For further questions about purchasing, contact Thanh Pham, phamn@uci.edu, 949-824-4776.

Reimbursement (Supplies and Materials)

For research-related supplies and materials that are needed on the same day, you may choose to pay for these with your own money and get reimbursed after the fact (not to exceed \$499.99 per day per vendor). In order to be reimbursed you must save your receipt, fill out a reimbursement form, have it signed by your faculty advisor, and turn it in to Thanh Pham, the Purchasing Coordinator. Your receipt **MUST** have the store name printed or stamped on it, a printed product description, the date, and payment amount.

All receipts must be submitted for reimbursement within 30 days of the purchase date. Check with Thanh if you're unsure whether your anticipated purchase is an allowable, reimbursable expense. The following procedures have been implemented for handling supplies and materials reimbursements.

1. Obtain a reimbursement form from the Department Office.
2. Fill out all information on the form. Get the PI's signature before submitting this to the Department Office.
3. Attach original receipts for approval.

On Campus Supplies

Distribution Services

Tax free alcohol can be purchased only from Distribution Services with a minimum order of four (4) pints. To order tax free alcohol, visit <http://www.ddm.uci.edu/Office2/>. An authorized signature, by the PI or lab manager, must be on the order.

Complete ordering information is available on SNAP (<http://snap.uci.edu/viewXmlFile.jsp?resourceID=457>).

Physical Sciences Stores

You will need an account/fund from your advisor for any supplies/material purchased and picked up from the PS Store. Please submit your receipt to your accountant after making the purchase.

Repairs & Returns

Any equipment being returned to the supplier for repair or refund requires a "return goods authorization" form before departure. You will need to get this form from the Purchasing Department. You must, again, have permission from your advisor and either a valid account or mail code to charge it to. Once this form has been completed, print it out as instructed and see your lab's accountant for final authorization before shipping.

Travel

Below are some guidelines to help you in planning your trips for University business. Please keep them handy for future reference, but if you have any questions, please ask. Upon returning from a trip for which you intend to be reimbursed, please bring the following paperwork to the office staff

- Original plane ticket receipt or invoice/itinerary showing payment or ticket number. This is the last page of your ticket booklet that says "passenger receipt" at the top and has a dollar amount in the bottom left corner. If you are traveling with an e-ticket or on a ticketless ticket you need to request a "passenger Receipt" at the ticketing counter at the airport. Your passenger receipt or invoice/itinerary is required even if you requested an advance from the department and you had no out-of-pocket expense. Please also include all other flight paperwork of any kind as back-up proof of travel.
- All original hotel/lodging paperwork/receipt. If you are sharing a room, please ask for 2 copies.
- Original receipts for rental car expenses and gas
- Original receipts for any meals paid for with personal funds
- Original receipts for airport parking or taxi/shuttle to and from the airport
- Any other original miscellaneous receipts
- If you are traveling to a conference you will need to provide a copy of your registration form which will include your agenda; i.e. if you signed up to attend certain parts of the

conference and they gave you an itinerary/receipt for your specific events, we will need that form. The documentation provided varies greatly between conferences. It is best to save ALL conference documentation.

Here are a few tips on receipts and documentation:

- A receipt will contain the following information; name and address of business, an itemization of services, total amount due, statement of form of payment and it will show a zero balance (if it does not contain this information, it is not a receipt).
- When you register for a conference or make other arrangements on-line, please read the screens carefully. There will be an option to print a receipt - please do so. There will also be a confirmation page or you will receive a confirmation email - please print these pages as well.
- Too much information/paperwork is better than not enough.
- It might be helpful for you to bring a manila envelope on your trip and keep paperwork in it as you receive it.

Plan ahead

If you don't, you may not save money on your airfare, get confirmed on your preference of flights, or (worse) get reimbursed for your expenses. It is to your advantage to plan ahead for your trip as much as possible. Advance notice also helps the administrative staff prepare the required paperwork. When you know you are going somewhere, let us know and we will help guide you through the process. Travel arrangements for out-of-state travel should be made one month ahead and for in-state, two weeks ahead.

Support for travel

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and the School of Biological Sciences provide support for travel to meetings and presenting papers. Currently, between \$200 and \$400 is available per student per year to cover costs such as airfare, hotel, and registration for scientific meetings where you are presenting a talk or poster. We do not yet know what the funding levels will be for the coming year, but it is still worth submitting a request for funds.

To get this travel grant, you need to submit a request to Pam McDonald (824-4743, pmcdonal@uci.edu). This should be in the form of a letter addressed to Michael Mulligan via Brandon Gaut. There is a sample letter below (Appendix A). The letter goes to both the Department and the School because typically \$200 comes from the former and \$200 from the latter. Once you receive word that the request has been granted, talk to Pam about spending the money.

Two caveats: First, save all receipts so you can account for your expenses. Second, be aware that these travel funds expire at the end of the fiscal year, which is June 30th. As soon as you know you will need travel money, send in your request.

Travel for Students with Travel Funding:

Advance payments will not be issued to students with travel funding. Submit your receipts to Thanh for reimbursement after your trip.

Travel for Students without Travel Funding:

It is possible to receive advance payment of airline tickets, lodging and registration. When you are ready to make your travel arrangements, please contact Thanh Pham at 824-4776 or phamn@uci.edu.

If the purpose of your trip is to attend a conference, you must turn in a copy of the registration form along with your **ORIGINAL** receipts. If you do not, you may delay your reimbursement!

Your trip must be reconciled and closed no later than one week after your return. This means that you must turn in original receipts for your airline tickets, lodging, meals, car rentals, taxis, registration, etc, then sign a “travel expense voucher” form after it has been completed by the administrative staff.

Sample Request for Travel Money

A sample memo in the form typically used to request funds for travel to meetings can be found in Appendix A. Even though the maximum funds provided are never more than \$400.00, you should include all your anticipated major expenses in your budget. Be sure to indicate that you will be presenting a talk or poster. Email your memo to Pam McDonald when it's ready.

Receiving Payment

Your reimbursement will be issued in the same format as your paychecks - i.e. if you are enrolled in direct deposit, reimbursement will be electronically deposited into your bank account. Please note that reimbursing travel is a timely process, which could take weeks. However, if you have not received your reimbursement after 1 month of submitting, please contact Thanh Pham (4-4776). Do not wait several months to notify us that payment has not been received, as it is harder to track down as time goes by.

PART 7: RESOURCES FOR TEACHING & RESEARCH

IMAGE WORKS

Image Works, located in 2112 NS1, X46414, provides a large number of services, specializing in digital imaging, photographic and copy services, wide format poster printing, binding, as well as a full-service copy center. You can go to the Imageworks website for information on the available services and price list (<http://imageworks.bio.uci.edu/index.htm>).

In order to request service, you must fill out a “Copy Center Order Form” which can be obtained at Imageworks directly. You will need an account and fund from your advisor for payment.

DISHWASHING AND AUTOCLAVING

Dishwashing and autoclaving self-serve facilities are located in SH 394, MH 4311, BSE 2421, NS1 2334 and NS2 3341. See your advisor for recharge numbers.

MACHINE SHOP

The Machine Shop is a full-service technical facility equipped to support a broad range of academic and research activities for the various departments and administrative units within the School of Biological Sciences. The shop is located in the basement of Steinhaus Hall, x4-6994. See your advisor for necessary recharge numbers.

VIVARIUM

Animal care facilities are located in McGaugh Hall, Steinhaus Hall, and the Bonny Center. Access to these areas is restricted; the Vivaria Manager (X46030) must grant permission. Please be certain to check with your faculty advisor for instructions about the care and handling of research animals. All laboratories have protocols approved and on file.

PHYSICAL SCIENCES STORES

Physical Sciences Stores stocks a large inventory of chemicals, glassware, electronic components, and other lab supplies. You can pick up items from Stores if you are authorized to sign on a grant. It is located in B003 Rowland Hall and can be reached at x4-5889.

COMPUTERS

Network & Telecommunications

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) operates UCI's campus network and telephone system which includes computing, network & telephone services. Check out the services that they provide at <http://nacs.uci.edu/>.

Technology Training

The Workshops and Seminars coordinated by the Office of Information Technology (OIT) are open to all UCI Faculty, TA's, Graduate Students and Staff (<http://www.oit.uci.edu/training/signup/>). Some workshops are free while others are outsourced through private training companies and require payment. OIT is part of a collaborative partnership that comprises The Electronic Educational Environment (EEE), through which training is also offered.

MEDIA EQUIPMENT

There are several projectors (overhead and LCD) in the department office (321 Steinhaus Hall) available for use by members of the Department. You can reserve these by contacting the department coordinator at (x4-6006), preferably at least a day ahead. The Bio Sci Computing Department also has various media equipment on loan in their office at NSI 2115, such as computer projectors, laptops, etc. To reserve equipment, call ahead at least a day in advance to their helpdesk at x4-3555.

GRANTS

Many grants are available to help you with your research.

There is a list of funding databases, including IRIS, SPIN and COS located at <http://www.research.uci.edu/funding/databases.htm#custom>.

The reference room in the Main Library also has a section on grants and fellowships. The person at the reference desk there can lend you a short reference guide that lists all the volumes available in this area.

Money to cover some types of research expenses (such as travel) can be obtained from the department and school - see "Support for travel" in Part 6 above.

Announcements also come via email from the School of Biological Sciences or the Graduate Division.

NATURAL RESERVES

One advantage of belonging to a system as large as the University of California is that the University possesses enormous resources of many different types. One such resource is the system of natural reserves maintained by the University throughout the state. There are 32 reserves ranging from forest to desert and from sub-marine to alpine habitats. If your work involves natural systems, these reserves offer numerous advantages, such as sites that are off-limits to the public, lab and living facilities, and special grants. Research resources and facilities are listed at <http://www.bio.uci.edu/research/funding/index.html>. Talk to Peter Bowler (x4-5183, Steinhaus Hall 361 or Arboretum) for more information.

T.A. TRAINING

UCI is rare among universities in offering a training class for incoming teaching assistants. This class is intended to help you develop teaching skills, present guidelines concerning university policies and practices, and provide information about particular courses. It also gives you a chance to meet some of your fellow first year students and find out a bit about the Department. The class is sponsored by UCI's Teaching, Learning and Technology Center (TLTC) (see below), and is taught by our Department's Pedagogical Fellow (PF), Tadj Schreck, a senior grad student with plenty of teaching experience. The class is held during Orientation Week, and lasts for one and a half days.

TEACHING RESOURCES

Graduate students (and faculty) who wish to improve their teaching and presentation skills are encouraged to make use of the TLTC. Resources available include video consultations, mid-quarter evaluations, and information on communication skills and interviewing skills. Either the director of TLTC or the Department's Pedagogical Fellow conducts all consultations. For more information on TLTC or the PF position, please contact the current PF or TLTC at 824-1385.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: SAMPLE REQUEST FOR TRAVEL MONEY

This is a sample memo in the form typically used to request funds for travel to meetings or for fieldwork. Even though the maximum funds provided are never more than \$400, you should include all your anticipated major expenses in your budget. Be sure to indicate that you will be presenting a talk or poster. Email your request to Pam McDonald (pmcdonal@uci.edu).

APPENDIX B: ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY NOMINATION FORM

This form must be filled out and submitted to Jennifer Martiny for her approval and signature before Advancing to Candidacy. Submit the signed form to Pam McDonald before your Advancement exam, so it can be placed in your student file.

APPENDIX C: COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT FORMS

These are the forms that must be filled out in Fall and Spring following the required Graduate Student Committee Meetings held twice a year. They must be signed by all committee members who will indicate whether the student is making satisfactory progress toward a degree.

APPENDIX A: SAMPLE REQUEST FOR TRAVEL MONEY

Date:

To: MICHAEL MULLIGAN, Associate Dean
School of Biological Sciences

Via: BRANDON GAUT, Chair
Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

From: STUDENT NAME
Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

RE: Request for Travel Funds

I am writing as a graduate student to request funds from the school for travel expenses associated with my attendance of the annual meeting of the _____ organization _____. The meeting will take place in _____ location _____ on _____ date _____. I will be presenting a paper on _____ subject area _____, which represents part of my dissertation work.

My anticipated expenses are as follows:

Airfare	\$ 850
Registration	\$ 80
Accommodations	\$ 100
Total	\$1,030

Please note that I have not yet received any travel funds this year.

Thank you for considering my request.

Student Name

cc: Pam McDonald

APPENDIX C: COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT FORMS

FALL QUARTER COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT Student should return this form with all signatures to Pam McDonald

STUDENT: _____ DATE: _____

Quarter and year student entered graduate school _____

Date of advancement to candidacy _____

Expected quarter and year of thesis defense F W S S yr _____

Date of previous committee meeting _____

Comments from Thesis Advisor (required; please attach typed comments after the meeting or email comments to Pam McDonald and grad advisor Jennifer Martiny)

Comments from committee members (optional):

Comments from the student (optional; please attach typed comments after the meeting or email comments to Pam McDonald and grad advisor Jennifer Martiny if desired):

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STUDENT SIGNATURES for student progress (required)

Name:	Signature:	Satisfactory Progress?
_____ Student	_____	_____
_____ Thesis Advisor	_____	_____
_____ Committee member	_____	_____
_____ Committee member	_____	_____
_____ Committee member	_____	_____
_____ Committee member	_____	_____

SPRING QUARTER COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
Student should return this form with all signatures to Pam McDonald

STUDENT: _____ **DATE:** _____

Quarter and year student entered graduate school _____

Date of advancement to candidacy _____

Expected quarter and year of thesis defense F W S S yr _____

Date of previous committee meeting _____

Comments from Thesis Advisor (required; please attach typed comments after the meeting or email comments to Pam McDonald and grad advisor Jennifer Martiny)

Comments from committee members (optional):

Comments from the student (optional; please attach typed comments after the meeting or email comments to Pam McDonald and grad advisor Jennifer Martiny if desired):

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STUDENT SIGNATURES for student progress (required)

Name:	Signature:	Satisfactory Progress?
_____ Student	_____	_____
_____ Thesis Advisor	_____	_____
_____ Committee member	_____	_____
_____ Committee member	_____	_____
_____ Committee member	_____	_____
_____ Committee member	_____	_____