

Doctoral Committees

6.2. Doctoral Committees

The supervisory committee will have at least four members. The members consist of:

- The major advisor, who must be a full or affiliate member of the graduate faculty Level 1, will be the committee chair. The major advisor student relationship must be a mutually acceptable one.
- A second member, who must be a full or affiliate member of the graduate faculty. The second member may serve as co-advisor on the supervisory committee. The co-chair designation implies equally shared responsibilities in guiding the student through to degree completion.
- A third member, who could be either a full or affiliate member of the graduate faculty or a qualified off-campus expert in the field (see External Member Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/graduate/supervisory-committee/external-member/>)).
- The Graduate Faculty Representative (GFR), a full member of the graduate faculty chosen by the student in consultation with the committee chair, ensure
 - Graduate College policies are followed
 - expectations for the student's performance are reasonable
 - interactions with the supervisory committee are conducted on a professional basis
 - the process and assessment of the student's performance is documented and, for outcomes-based doctoral programs, matches the outcomes defined
 - See GFR eligibility requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/graduate/supervisory-committee/gfr-eligibility/>)