

Master's Committees

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Plan A and Plan B

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

- The major advisor, who must be a full or affiliate member of the graduate faculty Level 1 or Level 2, will be the committee chair.
- A second member, who must be a full or affiliate member of the graduate faculty. The second member may serve as co-adviser 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 member of the graduate faculty from outside the advisor's home department or a qualified off campus expert in the field.
 - The external member cannot be an affiliate graduate faculty member of the advisor's home department/program.
 - See External Member Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/graduate/supervisory-committee/external-member/>)

Plan C

The student's advisor must be a full or affiliate member of the graduate faculty. If the program does require students in this option to form a supervisory committee, all members must be a full or affiliate member of the graduate faculty.