

What if I Need a New Advisor?

If there are issues between you and your advisor or you feel that whatever aspect of your advising relation is not working to your benefit, you may request from the DGS to be assigned to a new advisor.

Or a New Committee Member?

It is not all too rare that the makeup of the dissertation committee (normally between 3-5 members, preferably 1 outside reader) changes, be this due to retirement, sabbaticals, a faculty member leaving the university, or shifts of interests. In this case, in consultation with the dissertation director, you should strategize on how to best find a new member or replace an existing member. As mentioned, this happens not unfrequently and is not a big issue. Just make sure that when you fill out the dissertation announcement form that the current members are listed.