

OPTIMIZE YOUR ADVISING RELATIONSHIP

DATE: _____ STUDENT: _____ ADVISOR: _____ CO-ADVISOR: _____ 2ND READER: _____

QUESTIONS AT A GLANCE

STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES

For Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your strengths as a researcher and writer? • What challenges do you expect to face as a researcher and writer? • At what stages do you think you'll need the most support? The least?
For Advisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your strengths as an advisor? • What challenges do you see most often with your thesis students?

PERSONAL FACTORS

For Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your primary goals and motivations for your thesis? • Do you tend to procrastinate? If so, why? • Are there any personal factors that may affect your thesis work?
For Advisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you find most rewarding about advising theses? • What other obligations do you expect will affect your advising on this thesis?

COMMUNICATION

For Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do firm deadlines help you? • (<i>for both</i>) What communication formats and technologies work best for you?
For Advisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideally, how frequently will you meet? • How will you respond if a student does not communicate for a while? • Do you want regular status updates from your student? If so, how often? • If a student hasn't heard from you in a while, how should they respond?

COLLABORATION

For Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much autonomy do you prefer? • How assertive are you in requesting help? • Do you plan to use the Graduate Writing Center (GWC)? If so, how?
For Advisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How involved do you tend to be as an advisor? • What roles and responsibilities apply to advisor and second reader, or co-advisors? • Who do you recommend students approach for additional thesis support?

FEEDBACK

For Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What type and style of feedback works best for you? • What feedback format is most helpful for you?
For Advisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What feedback format(s) do you use and prefer? • At what stages of thesis development do you prefer to review chapter drafts? • How many times do you expect to review each chapter? • What kind of turn-around time can your student rely on for your feedback?

