

**Fresno State  
Department of Communication**

**Adviser Selection**

Graduate Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

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Graduate Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adviser Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adviser Signature

**Review and Approval of Adviser Selection:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate Coordinator

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Chair

**Please turn this form in to the Graduate Coordinator for the Department of Communication.**

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**From the Graduate Handbook (pp. 6-7)**

You will not be assigned a graduate adviser; you will be expected to exert your own initiative in asking the professor of your choice about serving in this capacity. Some students know at the beginning of the first semester in the program which professor they wish to work with as their adviser; others may need more time to develop this relationship and the Graduate Coordinator will serve as a temporary adviser. You must select your adviser no later than the last day of instruction of your second semester in the master's program. Once you have selected your adviser, complete the "Adviser Selection Form" (this form can be found online at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/artshum/communication/degrees-programs/graduate/links-forms.html>) and turn it in to the Department's Graduate Coordinator. The form should include your signature and your adviser's signature. Care should be exercised in the selection of an adviser so as to provide maximum faculty expertise in your special area of inquiry.

Your committee will consist of your adviser and at least one other faculty member from the Department of Communication. Your third committee member may be a faculty member from the Department of Communication or outside of the Department. The committee must be selected before registering for project or thesis units. If registering for thesis units, a

“Thesis Committee Assignment” form must be completed and filed (this form can be obtained online at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/gradstudies/>) with the Division of Graduate Studies. If registering for project units or comprehensive examination (zero units), a “Project Committee Assignment” or “Comprehensive Examination Committee Assignment” form must be completed and filed with the Department of Communication (this form can be obtained online at <https://www.fresnostate.edu/artshum/communication/degrees-programs/graduate/links-forms.html>). One of the committee members from within the Department of Communication will be your thesis, project, or comprehensive examination committee chairperson. The chair of your culminating experience committee should have a doctoral degree and be a member of the Department of Communication’s graduate faculty. Your graduate adviser’s duty is to advise you in the selection of courses to fulfill the master's degree program; to help you select other members of the faculty to serve as members of your thesis, project, or comprehensive examination committee; and to guide this culminating experience.

If your graduate plans are altered, do not hesitate to seek a change of adviser; such changes are made without embarrassment on anyone's part. If changes are made to a committee, a form reporting the change must be submitted to the Division of Graduate Studies (thesis) or Department of Communication (project or comprehensive examination).

If you plan to complete your degree during the summer months, all arrangements regarding the availability of faculty members for advising and approving a thesis or project or administering comprehensive examinations should be made well in advance.