

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS DEPARTMENT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES GRADUATE PROGRAM

Please note: Almost all of your questions can be answered by consulting the graduate school website: <http://www.grad.uga.edu/> or the relevant document provided by the Department in its web site. Please familiarize yourself with both of these sources of information. Your major professor should also be assisting in guiding you through this process.

Q. When should I have committee meetings and how many should I have?

A. This is explained in the “Guidelines for Committee Meetings” document.

Q. Once in the program, how do I get the degree forms signed?

A. Take the completed form to your graduate committee meetings and after they are signed by faculty you must take them to the Graduate Assistant. The graduate assistant has a signature stamp and signing authority and can approve most of the forms. There is no need to track down the graduate coordinator in person to sign a form.

Q. How many faculty members do I need for the advisory committee?

A. Please review the Program Requirements summary provided by the Department. It answers this question. Even though the Graduate School will accept three members on a PhD committee if a given Department approves, the Department of Infectious Diseases requires a minimum of five members. If your major professor is not a core departmental faculty member, you must include a majority of core members in your committee. For a list of core, adjunct and joint faculty go to our web site.

Q. I want to take my oral comprehensive examination now but I didn't notify the Graduate School two weeks ahead of time. What do I do?

A. Graduate School deadlines are firm. The Graduate School requires two weeks notice so that the exam can be publicized to the entire University community and thus allow every graduate faculty member the opportunity to participate in the oral examination of each student. You need to reschedule your oral comprehensive exam.

Q. I am up to my elbows in research and I have no time to attend departmental seminar. Do I still have to be there every week?

A. Yes. It is important to take the time to hear about cutting edge research in the multiple disciplines associated with infectious diseases.