

**Revision to Ed.D. Committee Wording  
August 27, 2019**

Rationale: In spring 2019, the Graduate Studies Committee and Policy Council approved a proposal (that came out of the SOE Ed.D. Working Group) to combine the Ed.D. Advisory and Research Committees to reduce confusion for Ed.D. students. The implementation of this policy led to some questions about committee composition, which the Ed.D. working group discussed and now clarifies here.

This proposed revision removes the ambiguous term “regular faculty” and adheres to the previous research committee requirement of having three Graduate Faculty members, two of whom must be endorsed. (Previously, the requirements for the combined Advisory/Research Committee more closely matched the original requirements for the Advisory Committee, rather than the more stringent requirements of the Research Committee.) The newly proposed wording also provides an explicit way in which exceptions might be granted.

Proposed changes to the requirements for the combined Advisory and Research Ed.D. Committee

**Advisory and Research Committee**

The advisory and research committee consists of at least three ~~faculty~~ Graduate Faculty members, at least two of whom must be endorsed. ~~At least two must be from the major area of study.~~ At least two committee members must be from the major area of study. The Committee Chair, who ~~becomes~~ is the student's primary advisor, must be an endorsed regular ~~Graduate~~ Faculty member in the major area of ~~specialization~~ study. If a student has a minor, a faculty member representing the minor ~~must~~ should be part of the committee; ~~for~~ ~~For~~ interdisciplinary minors, the minor representative must should be from outside the program. ~~At least two of the faculty members on each doctoral committee must be members of the Graduate Faculty; one may be an adjunct, emeriti, or part-time faculty member.~~ However the minor member can be waived if approved by the minor department and the Office of Graduate Studies. Additional exceptions regarding committee composition may be approved by the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies.

Previous (Before Spring 2019) Ed.D. Committee Requirements:

**Advisory Committee**

The advisory committee consists of at least three faculty members. Two must be from the major area of study and one from the minor area. The committee chair, who becomes the student's primary advisor, must be a regular faculty member in the major area of specialization. For interdisciplinary minors, the minor representative must be from outside the major. At least two of the faculty members on each doctoral advisory committee must be members of the Graduate Faculty; one may be an adjunct, emeriti, or part-time faculty member.

**Research Committee**

Research committees must have at least three members who are listed on the Graduate Faculty List maintained by the University Graduate School. Two must be associate or full professors in the student's major area of study. The dissertation chair must be an endorsed member of the University Graduate School faculty. The third member cannot be from the major field of study. One member may be from the faculty of a campus of Indiana University outside the core campus. At least two of the committee members must be tenure-line faculty members. The committee chair must be an endorsed member of the Graduate Faculty.