

# PhD Plan of Study Coversheet

Near the end of their first year in the program (or before 18 credit hours are completed) PhD students must choose a major advisor from the COMM graduate faculty, form an advisory committee with two additional members of the COMM graduate faculty (extra members from COMM or outside of COMM may be added at the discretion of the major advisor at this stage; one member from outside of COMM must be added at the dissertation stage), and get a Plan of Study approved by the committee. The core elements of the Plan include a description of the student's areas of emphasis, a statement of his/her ideas for a dissertation topic, a listing of all courses the student plans to take to complete the degree, and a timetable for graduation. Advisors should provide sample plans for their students to review as they draft their own.

PhD students seeking to enroll beyond 18 hours must have an approved Plan of Study, or they will not be cleared to register.

After the student's advisory committee has met and approved the Plan, the student must submit a hard copy of this form (with the Plan attached) to the Graduate Studies Coordinator and Department Chair for approval.

<b>Date</b>		
<b>Name</b>		
<b>U Number</b>		
<b>Advisory Committee Appointments</b>		
	<b>Printed Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>
<b>Major Advisor</b>		
<b>Committee Member</b>		
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<b>Committee Member</b>		
<b>Grad Studies Coordinator</b>		
<b>Department Chair</b>		