Supporting Graduate Students at GVSU: Advising & Mentoring (25–26)

High-quality advising and mentoring supports timely degree completion, student success, and graduate students' professional/workforce readiness.

Key Roles

Graduate Program Directors:
- Organize program orientations, assign advisors, and/or serve as program advisor
- Provide guidance on course planning and program requirements
- Monitor and support graduate students' academic progress

Graduate Faculty Advisors:
- Help graduate students develop program plan
- Support graduate students' scholarly and professional development
- Offer regular feedback and career guidance

Thesis/Dissertation Committee Chair and Members:
- Support graduate students' research development
- Evaluate proposals and final defenses
- Provide timely, critical feedback to support graduate student research

Project Supervisors:
- Guide students in planning, developing, and completing academically rigorous and relevant end of program projects
- Provide clear expectations, regular feedback, and support throughout the project
- Promote professional skills, ethical standards, and opportunities for graduate students' project dissemination

Graduate Students:
- Communicate regularly with advisor and program faculty and staff members
- Monitor academic success and advocate for professional learning and growth
- Understand and follow university policies

Graduate Student Resources
- GVSU Graduate School: www.gvsu.edu/gs
- Career Center: www.gvsu.edu/careers
- University Library Services: www.gvsu.edu/library
- Padnos International Center: www.gvsu.edu/pic
- Frederick Meijer Office of Fellowships: www.gvsu.edu/fellowships
- Fred Meijer Center for Writing & Michigan Authors https://www.gvsu.edu/wc/
- Statistical Consulting Center https://www.gvsu.edu/scc/

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