



**Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. Program  
Dissertation Advisory Committee  
Selection Form**

The Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. Program requires the students to select their dissertation advisory committee with a minimum of four program faculty members representing at least two different participating units.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have selected the following faculty as my dissertation committee members:**

<b>Faculty Name</b>	<b>Faculty Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
[Faculty name], Ph.D. (chair)		
[Faculty name], Ph.D.		
[Faculty name], Ph.D.		
[Faculty name], Ph.D.		

**Please select your committee members, collect their signatures and return the original form to the program office.**

**Committee Selection Process**

The students are required to select the dissertation advisory committee by the end of the first year. There will be a minimum of four program faculty members representing at least two different participating units (such as Burnett School of Biomedical Science, Nanoscience Technology Center, Department of Chemistry, etc.). A fifth “external” member can participate in the committee. The chair of the dissertation committee is the student’s primary advisor; if the faculty member has not previously mentored a PhD student to completion, a senior UCF faculty member (Associate or Full Professor) on the committee shall be selected to serve as co-chair. In cases where the primary advisor is a non-UCF Investigator (i.e., Courtesy Faculty Appointments from faculty at institutions other than UCF), then one of the UCF faculty members on the student’s dissertation committee will serve as co-chair of the committee together with the student’s primary advisor. At least two UCF faculty members must serve on the student’s thesis committee, and at least one of these must be at the rank of Associate or Full Professor and have experience mentoring graduate students indicated by the successful graduation of students from their labs. All thesis committee selections must be approved by the degree program coordinator and BSBS director. The program policies will be strictly enforced with consequences for violations.

**The dissertation advisory committee is required to meet at least once per year on or before November 30th to review each student’s progress. The format will be an oral report.**