

## **6.4 Advising for PhD Students**

Upon acceptance into the program and based on the areas of interest identified in the application essay, students are assigned a doctoral advisor. This advisor will mentor the student throughout the first year of study. Specific expectations include:

- Student will meet with advisor during the orientation prior to beginning coursework. Together, student and advisor will complete a projected program of study during their initial meeting. This program may be revised as needed and as indicated by the direction of the student's research.
- Student will consult with the advisor prior to registering each semester. The program of study is reviewed and updated at this time. Students are barred from registering until the advisor gives the graduate office approval to lift the registration bar.
- The initial advisor will assist student in identifying an appropriate major professor.