Assignment of Advisors, Non-Thesis and Thesis Tracks

All students will enter the program, starting in Fall 2015 as “Non-Thesis” and are assigned a “preliminary” advisor for their first year based on general interests of the student and current faculty advising load.

- After nine credits with a GPA of 3.3 or higher and approval of a faculty sponsor, a student may be permitted to pursue a thesis project.

  - Decisions will be made during a meeting of the graduate faculty on an annual basis, where an official “matching” of first year students (or part-time students who have met the criteria) with faculty takes place for thesis/project mentors

  - Students who remain on the Non-Thesis track will be assigned a faculty advisor who is compatible with their interests and will supervise their Special Project/Internship and these assignments may be based, in part, on current faculty graduate student workload.

  - Faculty are encouraged to provide input and will primarily determine these assignments

- Non-Thesis Track will include a comprehensive examination and a research special project (KIN 591 and internship (KIN 592) if wanted – although this can also be done for Thesis track) plus three credits of additional 400 level or higher of approved coursework