New Thesis/Creative Project Committee Structure

The required committee structure for the Barrett thesis/creative project has changed, effective Fall 2013. Students must consult with their thesis/creative project director BEFORE forming a committee, as the requirements vary across fields of study and directors.

With the exceptions listed below, the minimum number of committee members will be two (rather than three), a director and second committee member, and only the director MUST be an ASU lecturer or tenure-line faculty member. Some academic units and some thesis/creative project directors, however, have stricter requirements. These apply to the field of study of your thesis/creative project director, not your major. The stricter requirements for some academic fields are listed below. Students must consult their thesis/creative project director to determine whether he/she has even stricter requirements.

Academic units that require an ASU lecturer or tenure-line faculty as the second committee member:

TEMPE CAMPUS
- Art and Art History
- Biochemistry, Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry
- History – must be ASU faculty except by approval from FHA
- Interior Design – can be ASU adjunct faculty
- Life Sciences (all fields)
- Materials Science Engineering
- Marketing – any ASU faculty or faculty from other academic institutions (e.g. adjunct, clinical, instructor, faculty associate)
- Philosophy
- Political Science – prefer ASU faculty
- Psychology- all committee members should have PhDs and be research active, prefer faculty. (Note- Director should be tenure-line faculty.)
- School of Earth and Space Exploration

DOWNTOWN PHOENIX CAMPUS
- Nursing – must be regular or adjunct faculty at ASU

ALL CAMPUSES
- All Teachers College majors – must be regular or clinical faculty from ASU

Academic units that require a third committee member:

TEMPE CAMPUS:
- Interior Design
- All Life Science fields
- Psychology- all three committee members should have PhDs and be research active; at least one committee member should provide an independent perspective on the project
- School of Earth and Space Exploration

Contact your Faculty Honors Advisor for specific academic unit requirements.
If you have any additional questions, contact the Barrett Advising Office.

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