

Thesis/Creative Project Committee Structure

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, a director and second committee member, and only the director **MUST** be an ASU lecturer or tenure-line faculty member. Emeritus faculty may serve as thesis directors as approved by the FHA from the department which the thesis is to be completed. Directors are expected to be physically present at the thesis defense. They may not be reimbursed for travel related to attending the defense. **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 – Director and Second Committee member must be tenure-track. (Note- lecturers not approved)

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.)

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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:

Biochemistry, Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry – must have a PhD; does not have to be faculty, but cannot be a subordinate of either of the other two members (e.g. postdoctoral fellow or research professor in the same research group.)

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

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