

Thesis/Creative Project Committee Structure

The committee consists of a Thesis Director, a Second Committee Member, and may include a Third Committee Member. Committee requirements are determined by the academic unit of your Thesis Director. **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 BEFORE** forming a committee to determine whether he/she has even stricter requirements.

Thesis Director

The Director is a regularly-appointed member of the ASU faculty, with professional expertise in the Thesis/Creative Project area. See a list of approved titles on page 2.

Second Committee Member

The Second Committee Member may be a regular faculty member at ASU or a qualified professional in a related field. Academic units that **require** an ASU lecturer or tenure-line faculty as the second committee member include:

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.)
- 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 except by approval from FHA

Third Committee Member

Third committee members are often optional, but always encouraged. Academic units that **require** a third committee member include:

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
- School of Earth and Space Exploration

Contact your Faculty Honors Advisor for specific academic unit requirements.

Faculty Eligible for Thesis/Creative Project Director

| Title | Approved for Director |
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| Assistant Professor | Yes |
| Associate Professor | Yes |
| Professor | Yes |
| President's Professor | Yes |
| Regents Professor | Yes |
| Emeritus Professor | Yes* |
| Clinical Professor (ass't, assoc, and full) | Yes |
| Professor of Practice (ass't, assoc, and full) | Yes |
| Research Professor (ass't, assoc, and full) | Yes |
| Dean (ass't, assoc, and full) | Yes |
| Lecturer | Yes |
| Research Scientist (ass't, assoc, and full) | Yes |
| Instructor | Sometimes* |
| Adjunct | No* |
| Faculty Associate | No* |
| Visiting Professor (ass't, assoc, full) | No |
| <p>*One of the main considerations when determining who is eligible to direct a thesis is the faculty's continuity within ASU and their unit. Consequently, exceptions sometimes can be granted. Faculty: please contact Vice Dean Nicola Foote if you would like to apply for an exception. Students: please contact your Faculty Honors Advisor.</p> | |
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If you have any additional questions, contact the Barrett Advising Office.