

**Department of Economics
New York University**

TO: All PhD Students
FROM: Debraj Ray, DGS, PhD Program
DATE: October 2006
RE: New Regulations

The Graduate Committee recently met to discuss field requirements and academic progress for the PhD Program. The following regulations were formulated and are effective immediately.

A. Two-Field Requirement in Economics: (Item A below does **not** apply to students currently in their second year and beyond. **Item B applies with immediate effect to all students.**)

In particular, all students currently in their third year and beyond must make written arrangements to have an advisor by December 1, 2006.)

1. Every student must take one primary and one secondary field in economics.
2. Each field will announce primary and secondary field requirements (the two sets may coincide).

B. Monitoring of Student Progress: Year 3 and Beyond:

1. A student must find an advisor by the start of the third year. The advisor will initially supervise the third year paper and later the dissertation.
2. A student can change advisors at any time, with the consent of the new advisor, and the change must be recorded in the student's file. [A form will be available for this purpose.]
3. Beginning with the end of the third year, a student's advisor must submit yearly reports on student progress. [A form will be available for this purpose.]
4. The reports will be reviewed by the Graduate Committee and dealt with on a case-by-case basis to determine if a student is making satisfactory progress.

**Department of Economics
Advisor Report**

Name of Student: _____

Year of Entry into PhD Program:_____

"I agree to serve as the advisor for the above-named student until further notice."

Signed:_____

Dated:_____

***Comments by advisor:**

*Note: You may note in the "Comments" box that your relationship is provisional and will be reviewed. In that case a new form must be completed next year.

**Department of Economics
Graduate Student Report**

Due April 15 2007

Part I: To be completed by student

Name _____

Year of entry to PhD program _____

Thesis title _____

Proposal defense completed/anticipated _____

Thesis defense completed/anticipated _____

Seminars presented this year (include title, seminar series, and approximate date)

Papers completed this year (indicate major revisions if appropriate)

Other research activities

Part II: To be completed by major advisor

A. Is the information reported by the student correct (check one)?

I certify the information on the attached page to be complete and correct. _____

I am **unable** to certify the information on the attached page to be complete and correct (explain why, e.g., have not read papers, did not attend seminar, etc.) _____

B. Is the student making satisfactory academic progress (check one)?

_____ is making satisfactory progress towards completion of the requirements for the PhD and is expected to submit a dissertation in _____.

_____ is **not** making satisfactory progress towards completion of the requirements for the PhD.

Specify areas of concern and recommendations, if any.

C. Sign and date the form

Advisor's name

Advisor's signature

Date