ADVANCEMENT TO THE PH.D. PROGRAM

At the time of the MA Thesis Defense, each member of the MA committee will provide a summary evaluation of the MA thesis, and make a recommendation concerning whether or not to advance the student to the Ph.D. program. These recommendations will be forwarded to the Graduate Program Committee. If all members of the committee make positive recommendations, the student will be advanced and the faculty will be notified.

If the MA committee makes a mixed or negative recommendation, the student may have up to one quarter to appeal this decision. Successful appeals require written letters of support - including a commitment to chair or serve on a Ph.D. committee - from at least two faculty members, and may require the student to address other contingencies. Specific instructions will be provided when this occurs.