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Student Records: GradPlan Overview for Staff

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Administrative staff will see the Graduate & Professional tile on their home page.

When you click the Graduate & Professional tile, the page opens with a list of menu items on the left.

**Grad Plan Administration**

1. Click **GradPlan Data Administration** on the left side menu.

2. **ID:** If you know the Student ID, enter it and click **Search.** If you do not know the Student ID, enter Last Name/First Name and click Search.
The GradPlan page opens to the **Research Overview** tab.
Research Overview Tab

This is where results are stored for the activity guides that graduate students are required to complete every year. The activity guides are assigned at the start of each academic year as “to-do” items, with the student’s responses stored on this page.

The student is required to complete the activity guide every academic year they are enrolled. There is a row for every academic year, beginning with the current year, where staff are able to review the status/results, including:

A. **Graduate Handbook**: In this section, the student acknowledges responsibility to follow university guidelines and policies.

B. **Responsible Conduct of Research**: The student acknowledges responsibility to follow responsible conduct of research requirements and to complete required training.

C. **Research Reviews and Approvals**: In this section, if student answers “yes” to either of the human/animal subjects questions, additional fields open for the IRB Number/IACUC Number validating that the required approvals have been obtained. These fields are editable for staff to make corrections, if necessary.

![Research Reviews and Approvals](image)

D. **Committee and Course Plan**: Here, the student acknowledges the need to keep their guidance committee composition (if required by their program) and course plan updated.

E. **Milestones and Thesis/Dissertation**: In this section, students are able to indicate a subject area for their comprehensive exam and a proposed dissertation/thesis title.
### Milestones and Thesis/Dissertation

The student has completed this section.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Program</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Milestone Complete</th>
<th>Date Completed</th>
<th>Term Required</th>
<th>Anticipated Term</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Doctorate in Arts and Letters</td>
<td></td>
<td>Incomplete</td>
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#### Comprehensive examination areas

- Studies in Math

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Program</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Doctorate in Arts and Letters</td>
<td>&lt;p&gt;Awesome Dissertation Topic&lt;/p&gt;</td>
<td>PROPOSED</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Committees Tab
If a committee is required by the student’s program, staff are able to see a list of current committee members here. Committees are maintained on a separate page that includes a history of when committee members were added or removed over time (see Candidate Management section below). **Students in programs that require a guidance committee must have an approved committee prior to submitting a course plan request.**

Course Plan Tab
If the student has created a course plan, staff are able to review it here. Depending on the program, students may not complete a course plan until after their first or second year.
Annual Review Tab

Staff will have access to all reviews from this shared repository. As a department’s review cycle is concluded, staff will add the student’s review to this page, which will have a row for each academic year.

Next, let’s explore a few more items from the left side menu.

Track Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

1. Click Track RCR on the left side menu.
2. **ID:** If you know the Student ID, enter it and click **Search.** If you do not know the Student ID, enter Last Name/First Name and click Search.

The Responsible Conduct of Research page displays the work the student has done toward the RCR requirement, showing each year's requirements and their completion status.
Users with “update” access can mark sections as Complete, or update sections of the RCR as follows:

- **Discussion-Based Training – 6 Hours:** There are two ways for a student to complete this requirement: 1) Complete training session or coursework identified as satisfying this requirement, or 2) have individual one-on-one training sessions with their graduate advisor. For one-on-one training sessions, the student will submit a form for the graduate advisor to verify, or staff can update this section by entering a verification on the graduate advisor’s behalf.
- **Annual Refresher Training – 3 hours per year**: For doctoral students, beginning with their third year there will be a row for each year. As each year is satisfied, the **Completed** box will be checked.

### Candidate Management

This is where the student’s guidance committee members are recorded.

1. Click **Candidate Management** on the left side menu.
2. **ID**: If you know the Student ID, enter it and click **Search**. If you do not know the Student ID, enter Last Name/First Name and click Search.

   ![Candidate Management](image)

   The committee (supervisor) page opens with a separate row (or Sequence number) for each committee member who has ever served on the student’s committee. As changes are submitted by the student and approved via workflow, this page is updated automatically with a new sequence number (for a new committee member) or effective-dated row (for a change to an existing committee member) reflecting the change.

   As a rule, it will not be common that manual changes will need to be made on this page—students are expected to submit all committee changes via the GradPlan workflow. However, this page does serve as a record of changes over time, and is useful for reviewing those changes.
Student Information System
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Academic Institution: Michigan State University
Academic Career: Graduate
Academic Program: Master's in Osteo Med
Academic Plan: Pharmacology and Toxicology MS

Supervisor Details

*Effective Date 01/06/2020
*Effective Status Active

Start Date 01/06/2020
Supervision Percentage
Funding Percentage
Budget Department
Academic Organization
Advisory Committee

*Status ACTIVE Active Committee Member
Status Date 01/06/2020

Supervisor Search

Transfer To

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Thesis Management

1. Click **Thesis Management** on the left side menu.

2. **ID**: If you know the Student ID, enter it and click **Search**. If you do not know the Student ID, enter Last Name/First Name and click Search.

The Thesis Submission page will open. If student has submitted a proposed thesis or dissertation title, staff will be able to review it here, in addition to viewing the title on the GradPlan Data Administration page (see above).

This is also the page the Graduate School will use prior to graduation to verify the title, update if needed, and change the **Thesis Status** from *Pending* to *final* status.
Guidance Committee/Graduate Advisor View

The guidance committee/graduate advisor menu provides access to the GradPlan Students and Track RCR components, each displaying the same information as the staff's Grad Plan Administration and Track RCR sections explained above.

- The GradPlan Students page allows guidance committee members to look up and view the GradPlans of the students on whose committees they serve.
- The Track RCR link allows committee members or graduate advisors to view RCR data for their advisees, as well as approve requests for discussion-based training hours.
- Verify Advisee Training is where graduate advisors can see a list of any one-on-one RCR training that their advisees have submitted for approval.
- Worklist is a link to any pending worklist items requiring attention.