Normal Dissertation Committee

Graduate Division Policy:

There are usually **three** members: the chair, first or only inside member, and an outside member. A second or additional inside member may be added but is **not required**. All committee members should be members of the Berkeley Academic Senate. The majority of the committee must be from the English Department.

In some cases, a student can invite an English Department faculty member to serve as a third reader. The third reader is warranted when a student’s project requires additional expertise. It is recommended that the student consult with his or her dissertation Chair about the appropriateness of adding a third reader from within the department.

All members must be Academic Senate members.
Co-Chaired Dissertation Committee

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Dissertation Committee with fourth member from non-Berkeley faculty or non-senate Berkeley faculty

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With the Dean’s Approval a non-Berkeley faculty member or a non-senate Berkeley faculty member may be added to the committee as a fourth member. A non-Berkeley faculty member cannot serve as the outside reader. Any request to add a non-Berkeley faculty member to the dissertation committee should come first to the Director of Graduate Studies. If approved, the DGS will petition Graduate Division on the student’s behalf.