

# OPTIMIZE YOUR ADVISING RELATIONSHIP

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## FEEDBACK



Question for the **student**: What type and style of feedback works best for you?

**Example answers:**

- If possible, focus on content (ideas) first, then address style (language) in a second review.
- I appreciate receiving a summary of needed changes along with more detailed feedback.
- Give me the good news first; feedback that feels harsh can demoralize me.
- Get out your red pen and be as blunt as possible—you can't hurt my feelings!

**Your answers:**



Question for the **student**: What feedback format is most helpful for you?

**Example answers:**

- Written comments are great: I can refer back to them later and take time to think.
- Meeting to discuss feedback helps me think, learn, and clarify what you want.
- A balance of in-person (or live) and written feedback is ideal.

**Your answers:**



Question for the **advisor**: What feedback format(s) do you use and prefer?

**Example answers:**

- Meeting in person (or via video conference) to discuss your early drafts saves us a lot of time and helps you learn.
- Generally, I provide a short email with key feedback in bullet points.
- I provide written marginal comments throughout the draft.

**Your answers:**



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**Question for the **advisor**:** At what stages of thesis development do you prefer to review chapter drafts?

**Example answers:**

- I want to see and discuss outlines.
- I want to see your drafts before anyone else, including the GWC.
- It's okay if your draft is still pretty rough when I first see it. I want to make sure you're on the right track.
- Don't send me rough drafts; the grammatical errors are distracting.

**Your answers:**



**Question for the **advisor**:** How many times do you expect to review each chapter?

**Example answers:**

- About two or three times is reasonable.
- As many times as it takes to get it right.
- At least once, and well in advance of the thesis due dates.
- My email inbox is not a revolving door for your thesis chapters. Make each review count.

**Your answers:**



**Question for the **advisor**:** What kind of turn-around time can your student rely on for your feedback?

**Example answers:**

- It will probably take me a few days.
- You'll get it back within two weeks. Your writing schedule needs to accommodate those two weeks for each chapter.
- It varies. I'll let you know when you can expect feedback and what I recommend you work on while you're waiting.

**Your answers:**

