

Mentoring Plan

The mentoring program is specified for Alliance students, however, other students such as domestic students or advance undergraduate students can be part of the program. There will be 8 faculty mentors for this program: XXXXXXXXXXXX. Homepages for each are maintained at [XXXX](#)

The mentoring program is structured as follows:

1. Currently, each incoming student in our department is assigned an academic advisor (which will follow him/her for the first 2 years) and a student mentor. In addition, each student in the mentoring program will be assigned a mentor upon entering the program. The matching of mentors and mentees will be done in collaboration between the Director of Graduate Studies, Director of Admission and department administration. The program students will also be encouraged to be part of the Math Alliance mentoring program in parallel to the department mentoring.
2. The matching of students and mentors will take place during the summer. Mentors and mentees will meet during department's orientation and department's picnic. Thereafter they will meet weekly for a short meeting. It will be clear that the mentor is available for the student for all types of mentoring and not just for academic issues.
3. During regular meetings, the mentor would inquire about students' progress, help determine if the student has made the right selection of courses, and monitor student's adjustment to graduate school more generally. The mentor will introduce the mentee to the different Cultural Centers UConn has to offer in order to help with the transition. The Cultural centers are: African American Cultural Center (<http://aacc.uconn.edu/>), Asian American Cultural Center (<http://asacc.uconn.edu/>), Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center (<http://www.latino.uconn.edu/about.html>), Rainbow Center (<http://rainbowcenter.uconn.edu/>), and Women's Center (<http://womenscenter.uconn.edu/>).
4. Group meetings of mentors and mentees will take place twice a semester to discuss general issues which pertain to all the students in the group. These meetings will be facilitated by the Director of Graduate Studies and Director of Admission.
5. All mentors will meet as a group twice a semester to discuss progress, performance and possible new visions for the program.
6. Concerns will be reported to the Director of Graduate Studies and Director of Admission who will jointly assess the students and make sure all students are on track.
7. Director of Graduate Studies and Director of Admission will meet with all mentees at least once a semester, either individually or in small groups. During these meetings the department will evaluate the effectiveness of the program and any changes which may be needed to make it more efficient.