By the end of the second year of study, each doctoral student should have a Thesis Advisory Committee. It is the responsibility of the Neuroscience Program Director to form a Thesis Advisory Committee for each student in the Neuroscience Program.

USU requirements state that the Committee will consist of at least four (a chairperson and three others including the major advisor) USU faculty members with doctoral degrees and the academic rank of Assistant Professor or above. At least three of the USU faculty members must have an academic appointment in the Graduate Program for which the degree is to be granted. A fourth USU faculty member must be from another Program at USU with no appointment in the graduate program.

In addition to the USU requirement of four USU faculty members, the Neuroscience Program requires a fifth faculty member. This additional member of the Thesis Advisory Committee may either hold a faculty position at USU or have an equivalent appointment outside of USU.

The majority of the Committee members must have full-time faculty appointments at USU and be members of the Neuroscience Graduate Program. This Thesis Advisory Committee is subject to change or amendment in full consultation between the student and the committee.