



Graduate Faculty Policy

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I. Purpose

The Graduate Faculty Policy provides clarification on the conditions under which faculty are awarded or apply for membership to or affiliation with the Graduate Faculty.

II. Policy Statement

A member of the Graduate Faculty at Georgia Southern University must be an active, productive, creative scholar, or creative performer in his/her discipline. In order to teach graduate students how to be active scholars, practitioners, and/or performers in their own right, Graduate Faculty must be involved in the current knowledge, methods, and techniques of their disciplines. This modeling of sustained scholarship/performance is the cornerstone of quality graduate education.

There are two categories of Graduate Faculty: Member and Affiliate. Members of the Graduate Faculty are professorial faculty on tenured or tenure-track appointments and are appointed to Graduate Faculty status upon appointment. Affiliate Graduate Faculty status includes research appointees, limited-term, adjunct, instructor, lecturer, or part-time faculty who may appropriately teach graduate classes and serve on thesis and dissertation committees. Affiliate status can also be used to recognize outstanding scholars, including those who work in government agencies, private industry, healthcare, and education who are not full-time employees of Georgia Southern University, but who participate on thesis and dissertation committees. To award Affiliate Graduate Faculty status, a notification form must be completed, forwarded through the appropriate dean's office to the Office of Graduate Studies for processing. All decisions regarding Affiliate Graduate Faculty status are final at the dean's level.

Members are eligible:

- to teach graduate courses;
- for membership on University graduate committees;
- to serve on program-level examination committees; and
- to direct and/or chair master's and doctoral committees as approved by the department/school or division.

Affiliates are eligible:

- to teach graduate courses for which the individual has been credentialed as per university policy;

- to serve on program-level examination committees; and
- for membership on and/or co-chair master's and doctoral committees as approved by the department/school or division.

Member and Affiliate Graduate Faculty status is granted permanently. All faculty who are awarded emeriti designation retain their Graduate Faculty status.

III. Procedures (if applicable)

Members of the Graduate Faculty are appointed to Graduate Faculty status upon appointment.

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