The University of Mississippi

The Graduate Faculty

ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE FACULTY

Associate Membership:

Qualifications: appropriate terminal degree for the discipline in which the faculty member is employed and promotion to or appointment as Assistant Professor.

Responsibilities: teach graduate courses; direct theses; co-direct dissertations; participate on thesis, dissertation, and examining committees.

Full Membership:

Qualifications: appropriate terminal degree for the discipline in which the faculty member is employed and promotion to or appointment as Associate or Full Professor.

Responsibilities: teach graduate courses; direct theses and dissertations, participate on thesis, dissertation, and examining committees; serve on the Graduate Council, if elected.

Appointment to the Graduate Faculty is automatic for faculty who qualify under the conditions noted above. Any exceptions must be approved by the Graduate Council. A form for this purpose is available in the Graduate School. Applicants for exception must be nominated by their chairman and endorsed by their dean.

Acting, adjunct, research, visiting, and emeriti professors with appropriate terminal degrees and with appointments in academic departments having a graduate program may exercise the responsibilities of Associate Members with the approval of their Chairman and their Dean.

The director of a doctoral dissertation or essay must hold a doctoral degree.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO DIRECT A DISSERTATION

Faculty members who are associate members of the Graduate Faculty and who wish to direct a doctoral dissertation may request approval by the Graduate Council to do so. This request is not required of those who wish to co-direct a dissertation. A separate application is required for each student. In making a request, the faculty member should provide the following information:

1. A current curriculum vita.
2. Name of each student and title of student's proposed dissertation study and particular relevance to proposed Director's research.

3. Number of Master's committees served on (a) in his/her home department and (b) in outside departments.

4. Number of Ph.D. committees served on (a) in his/her home department and (b) in outside departments.

5. Number of Ph.D. Committees co-chaired within home department; note any research relevance between the proposed request and those which were co-directed.

6. Listing and rank of other committee members.

7. Evidence of chair and school/college dean approval.

8. Other information considered relevant to support this request.