

Criteria for Membership in the Graduate Faculty
Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
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I. Full Membership Status

A. Criteria for Full Membership Status

Tenured and tenure-track faculty who hold a terminal degree in their field are eligible for full membership in the Graduate Faculty. Administrators who hold a terminal degree in their field and a faculty appointment in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures are also eligible for full membership in the Graduate Faculty. Faculty members with terminated contracts who are in their final year of employment at UNT, or faculty members who are not engaged in scholarly activities and creative accomplishments—as evidenced in their workload distribution—are not considered as full members of the Graduate Faculty.

Members of the Graduate Faculty are expected to actively participate in the graduate programs of the University through scholarly and creative accomplishments, effective teaching of graduate courses, and mentoring of graduate students. They may teach graduate level courses, serve as members of master's advisory committees, serve as members of dissertation committees or D.M.A. advisory committees, serve as major professors or co-major professors for master's and doctoral degree students, serve as major professors or directors for master's theses, doctoral dissertations, or D.M.A. lecture recitals, and serve as University members for doctoral dissertations or final comprehensive examinations for the D.M.A.

B. Eligibility for Full Membership Status

Scholarly and creative accomplishments will include a combination of publications in national or international venues following a review process, reception of external grants, presentations at national or international conferences, creative activities, and any accomplishments related to research. Examples of scholarly activities include, but are not limited to participation in panel discussions at national and international conventions; organizing and /or chairing sessions at such conventions; serving as an officer of a professional society; or performing other significant professional activities such as service on an editorial board, refereeing books or articles for academic publishers or journals, writing book reviews, serving on performance review committees, serving as referee for a granting agency or any other similar professional activities.

C. Review process

Every year in the spring semester [pending University deadlines], full membership in the Graduate Faculty will be revised by the departmental Graduate Affairs Committee based on modifications in the faculty status, rank, or workload distribution.

II. Associate Membership Status

A. Criteria for Associate Membership Status

Tenured faculty who do not pursue scholarly activities, lecturers who hold a Ph.D., and retired tenured faculty are eligible for Associate Membership in the Graduate Faculty. Associate members of the Graduate Faculty may teach graduate level courses, serve as members of master's advisory committees, serve as members of dissertation committees or D.M.A. advisory committees, and serve as University members for doctoral dissertations or final comprehensive examinations for the D.M.A.

B. Review process

Every four years in the spring semester [pending University deadlines], associate membership in the Graduate Faculty will be revised by the departmental Graduate Affairs Committee based on modifications in the faculty status, rank, or workload distribution.