

# Graduate Faculty Membership

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Faculty members wishing to teach graduate courses, serve on thesis and dissertation committees, and/or chair thesis and dissertation committees must be appointed to the graduate faculty. The Graduate Council selects faculty for two types of membership - Graduate Faculty member and Visiting Faculty member.

Graduate Faculty members are eligible to teach graduate courses, serve on thesis and dissertation committees, and chair master's theses and doctoral dissertations.

Visiting Faculty members are eligible to teach graduate courses, direct master's theses, serve on doctoral committees, and serve on doctoral dissertations in the member's discipline or a closely-related field. Visiting members are tenure-track or tenured faculty members employed by another institution, but appointed to teach at Texas A&M University-Commerce for a limited time period, such as one semester or one year.

## **Appointment to Graduate Faculty and Visiting Faculty Membership**

For more information on eligibility requirements and the process to attain Graduate Faculty Membership or Visiting Faculty Membership, please review University [Procedure 12.99.99.R0.12](#).

## **Review of Graduate Faculty Membership**

Each Graduate Faculty or Visiting Faculty member's scholarly research, creative activity, and involvement in the discipline and graduate education is reviewed by the Graduate Council periodically. The purpose for such a review is to determine if the faculty member's current faculty status is appropriate and warranted. For more information on the review process, please visit the University [Procedure 12.99.99.R0.12](#).

## **Termination of Graduate Faculty Membership**

If a faculty member has been negligent and/or ineffective in the performance of his or her responsibilities, graduate faculty membership may be terminated at any time. See University [Procedure 12.99.99.R0.12](#) for more details on graduate faculty membership,

including the termination process (including the timeline for the faculty member to provide supporting evidence against termination) and the appeals process.