

Graduate Faculty Membership Requirements for Native American Studies

Recommendations for membership in the Graduate Faculty of Native American Studies will originate with the Membership Committee of the Program which is comprised of the Program Director and two faculty members with full voting rights elected annually. This committee will insure the consistent criteria are applied to maintain the highest standards of quality in the Graduate Faculty. The qualifications of Graduate Faculty status will be reviewed every five years or as necessary.

Criteria for M0 status: The faculty member must have an advanced degree in a field relevant to Native American Studies and a stated interest in affiliating with Native American Studies as an academic discipline.

Criteria for M1 status: The faculty member must have a terminal degree in a field relevant to Native American Studies, a stated interest in affiliating with Native American Studies as an academic discipline, and has taught a course that has significant course content relevant to Native American issues.

Criteria for M2 status: The faculty member must have a terminal degree in a field relevant to Native American Studies, a stated interest in affiliating with Native American Studies as an academic discipline, and has taught a course that has significant course content relevant to Native American issues.

Criteria for M3 status: The faculty member must have a terminal degree in a field relevant to Native American Studies, a stated interest in affiliating with Native American Studies as an academic discipline, and has taught a course that has significant course content relevant to Native American issues. The faculty member must have also chaired or participated in a significant degree on a Master's committee or equivalent.

Criteria for SM status: The faculty member must have an advanced degree in a field relevant to Native American Studies, a stated interest in affiliating with Native American Studies as an academic discipline, and has taught a course that has significant course content relevant to Native American issues.

The Native American Studies program believes that supervising and advancing the work of graduate students is a central criterion for holding graduate faculty status. Meeting that obligation will be measured in the following manner: a) being available to students on whose committee one serves (including being physically present for oral exams and defenses unless unable to do so for appropriate reasons); b) providing appropriate information to the faculty for annual student evaluations; c) participating in the selection of students for admission to the graduate program; and, d) participating in scheduled faculty discussions about the graduate program.

When a faculty member with graduate status consistently fails to meet these specific obligations, his or her graduate faculty status may be lessened or suspended by a vote of the faculty as a whole.

In addition, to retain M2 or M3 status, the faculty member's previous performance as a thesis or dissertation director must have been satisfactory.