

Graduate Faculty Criteria
Department of Mathematics
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Any academic unit offering courses or coursework in any College awarding an undergraduate degree on the Norman campus may appoint members of the Graduate Faculty. To make such an appointment, the academic unit must elect a Graduate Faculty Committee made up of members of the Graduate Faculty. (Graduate Faculty Charter, IV.1.a)

The Graduate Faculty Committee for the Department of Mathematics shall consist of Committee A, the current Graduate Liaison, and the previous Graduate Liaison.

Appointment process: Tenured and tenure-track faculty members shall be considered for appointment to the Graduate Faculty upon hiring.

Term: The normal term for regular members of the Graduate Faculty is: 7 years.

Appointment criteria:

Criteria for RM0 Status – May teach graduate-level classes:

The faculty member must hold a PhD or equivalent degree in the mathematical sciences or related discipline, from a recognized degree granting institution. The faculty member must display current or past involvement in mathematics research by having engaged in at least one of the following activities:

1. Conducting research leading to publication in scholarly journals
2. Writing publishable expository materials at the graduate level
3. Participating actively in meetings and conferences on research in the mathematical sciences
4. Mathematical activity equivalent, in the judgment of the mathematics graduate faculty committee, to 1, 2, or 3.

The faculty member is expected at all times to conduct themselves with professionalism and to show respect toward others, particularly in their interactions with students.

Criteria for RM1 Status – All the privileges of RM0 and may serve on master's degree committees:

Same as RM0 status.

Criteria for RM2 Status – All the privileges of RM1 and may chair non-thesis master's committees:

Same as RM0 status.

Criteria for RM3 Status – All the privileges of RM2 and may chair master’s thesis committees and may serve on doctoral committees:

Same as RM0 status.

Criteria for RM4 Status – All the privileges of RM3 and may chair doctoral committees:

The faculty member must meet the criteria for RM0 status. In addition, the faculty member shall:

1. Have published (or have accepted for publication) papers in recognized refereed journals in the mathematical sciences in the last five years, or
2. Have completed research projects in the mathematical sciences which, in the judgment of the mathematics graduate faculty committee, are equivalent to that stated in 1.

Other criteria applied to RM0, RM1, RM2, RM3, RM4:

All regular faculty members are expected to be contributing effectively to the teaching mission of the department and must maintain a Satisfactory annual evaluation score in the category of teaching.

Criteria for SM status:

Nominations for Special Member status will be considered on an ad hoc basis. Criteria for specific privileges are the same as for regular appointments as discussed above.

Appointments of SM faculty to chair committees and/or count toward the departmental majority require review by the Graduate Council Graduate Faculty Membership Subcommittee and approval of the Graduate Dean, based on three criteria: close association with the unit hosting the graduate program, permanence, and credentials comparable to regular Graduate Faculty members with the same graduate privileges.

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