FACULTY WITH GRADUATE EDUCATION RESPONSIBILITIES,
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH

Graduate Faculty Defined

Graduate Faculty in Graduate Programs at UMD (Faculty with Responsibilities in Graduate Education) are those individuals thought to be capable of serving on graduate examining committees, teaching at the graduate level, and serving as advisor or co-advisor to graduate students. Normally, such individuals will have a terminal degree in the appropriate discipline, and a record of active scholarship/performance in the discipline. In some cases, individuals lacking the academic degree, but with unusual experience related to the discipline, may be designated as Graduate Faculty in a UMD Graduate Program.

Graduate Faculty in Graduate Programs at UMD will consist of faculty with regular appointments in an academic program at UMD, and who are involved in graduate-level teaching, advising of graduate students, and serving on graduate thesis examination committees. Graduate Programs at UMD may choose to include others, with appropriate expertise, and who have research, P&A, or staff appointments at UMD in their Graduate Faculty.

Adjunct Graduate Program Faculty status may be designated for individuals who are involved in teaching and/or serve on thesis committees but who do not serve as principal advisor or committee chair for a graduate student. Typically, these individuals may be professionals outside UMD, or who are not full-time faculty at UMD.

Process

Nominees to an individual Graduate Program Faculty will be approved by an appropriate governance process within each unit, such as a majority vote of the Graduate Program Faculty. If the nominee is to be of Adjunct status this will be made clear to the nominee and to the voting program faculty at the time of the vote. The appropriate collegiate dean will be consulted prior to final online approval by the DGS.

Nominations of individuals to an individual Graduate Program Faculty are submitted online, and then approved or declined by the DGS after the appropriate approval process. If the faculty status is Adjunct the UMD Graduate Office will be informed by the DGS of such distinction, and the UMD Graduate Office will keep records of faculty so designated, as these designations will not be part of the central UM system.

Terms of appointment for Regular Graduate Program Faculty and Adjunct Graduate Program Faculty, as well as procedures to be used in review of appointments are to be set by each Graduate Program at UMD. Documentation of terms and procedures will be filed with the UMD Graduate Office.
Teaching

Courses taught at the 5000 level and above, and those courses taught at 4000 level for graduate credit, are to be of post-baccalaureate level and rigor, independent of the graduate faculty status of the instructor in the course.

Committees

Graduate Faculty and Adjunct Graduate Faculty in Graduate Programs at UMD may serve on examining and/or thesis/dissertation committees in Graduate Programs at UMD. Individuals without Graduate Faculty or Adjunct Graduate Faculty status may not serve on such committees. Graduate Programs at UMD may wish to have UMD faculty serve as external members on graduate student examining or thesis/dissertation committees, so do not want to designate those individuals as Graduate Faculty or Adjunct Graduate Faculty in their Graduate Program. In some areas of UMD where graduate programs do not exist, these faculty will not otherwise have Graduate Faculty or Adjunct Graduate Faculty status. For these purposes, such faculty may be listed as Faculty with Graduate Education Responsibilities under their departmental name. For such cases, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Programs at UMD will provide the approve/decline function normally delegated to a program DGS in the UM process.

All advisor and committee assignments are subject to the review and approval of the DGS, and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Programs at UMD.