

1. GRADUATE FACULTY

The academic integrity of graduate programs rests primarily with the Graduate Faculty. The main responsibilities of the members of the Graduate Faculty are to (1) teach graduate students effectively, (2) foster independent learning, (3) enable students to contribute to a profession or field of study, (4) conduct scholarly research and creative work of high quality, (5) maintain proficiency in their discipline, (6) ensure graduate programs in their discipline are relevant and of high quality, and (7) cultivate the research and scholarly endeavors of graduate students. The University recognizes that each member of the Graduate Faculty contributes to the success of its graduate programs. Whether through classroom instruction, guiding academic research, professional supervision, or mentoring, the University seeks to find avenues to allow each Graduate Faculty member to best use his/her particular strengths. Toward that end, the University incorporates three categories of graduate faculty membership.

1.01 The Graduate Faculty at Sam Houston State University will have three categories of membership: (1) Full Membership – Doctoral, (2) Full Membership – Master's, and (3) Associate Membership. Membership in these categories is based on academic qualifications and productivity in teaching and research/creative accomplishments. Membership is in no way limited by the graduate programs offered in each department/school/college.

1.02 Faculty members awarded Full Membership – Doctoral status may teach graduate classes, serve on thesis and/or dissertation committees, serve on the Graduate Council, and chair theses and dissertations.

1.03 Faculty members awarded Full Membership – Master's status may teach graduate classes, serve on thesis and/or dissertation committees, serve on the Graduate Council, and chair theses.

1.04 Faculty members awarded Associate Membership status may teach graduate classes, serve on thesis and/or dissertation committees, and serve on the Graduate Council.

2. CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE GRADUATE FACULTY

Members of the graduate faculty must (a) possess a terminal degree in the teaching discipline or a related discipline from an institution accredited by a recognized accrediting agency, (b) demonstrate evidence of currency in the literature of the discipline, (c) be effective educators at the graduate level, and (d) be consistently