

Graduate Faculty Appointment Policy

There are two categories of Graduate Faculty: Member and Affiliate. Members of the Graduate Faculty are professorial faculty on tenured or tenure-track appointments and are appointed to Graduate Faculty status upon appointment. Affiliate Graduate Faculty status includes faculty emeriti, research appointees, limited-term, adjunct, instructor, lecturer, or part-time faculty who may appropriately teach graduate classes and serve on thesis and dissertation committees. Affiliate status can also be used to recognize outstanding scholars, including those who work in government agencies, private industry, healthcare, and education who are not full-time employees of the University of West Georgia but who participate on thesis and dissertation committees.

To award Affiliate Graduate Faculty status, a notification form must be completed. The Dean of the college or school that houses the academic program that wants to grant Affiliate Graduate Faculty status makes the final decision regarding that status. Affiliate Graduate Faculty status is valid for three years. The status may be renewed.