



California University of Pennsylvania

Graduate School POLICY: Graduate Faculty Status

A. Purpose & Scope

To describe the process for establishing standards for graduate faculty status

B. Definition(s)

C. Policy

All faculty members, including those granted graduate faculty status, are expected to maintain the academic standards of California University of Pennsylvania. Qualified faculty members who excel in effective teaching, scholarship, and service, as defined in the collective bargaining agreement between the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, are required to ensure high quality graduate studies. Faculty granted graduate faculty status must meet approved standards of preparation and qualification. Academic departments develop standards for their department or programs based on commonly accepted practices in the appropriate discipline(s), which may include but not be limited to: degree specifications, certification requirements, accreditation requirements, research expertise, teaching experience, and discipline-specific professional work experience. Academic departments submit their approved standards for graduate faculty status to the Graduate Dean's Council. For related considerations, review the *Thesis Guidelines* for faculty qualifications for service on graduate student thesis committees.

D. Procedure(s)

1. Academic departments develop standards for their department or programs.
2. Academic departments submit their standards for graduate faculty status to the Graduate Dean's Council for review and acceptance.

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