

A graduate center is an interdisciplinary educational unit that delivers graduate education degree programs, is equivalent to a department, and is located administratively in the Graduate School unless the administrative responsibility specifically has been delegated otherwise.

A multidisciplinary research center or institute is an educational unit established to provide multidisciplinary programs, which are primarily research in nature. Such an educational unit is administratively responsible to the Executive Vice President for Research unless the administrative responsibility specifically has been delegated otherwise.

The chief administrative officer of a major educational unit is a dean. The chief administrative officer of a graduate center, school or multidisciplinary research center or institute is a director. The chief administrative officer of a department or an interdisciplinary instructional program is a chair.

2. Academic Ranks

Academic ranks in the University consist of lecturer, instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, professor, or the equivalent to these recognized in the librarian title series of librarian IV, librarian III, librarian II and librarian I, respectively.

The President establishes academic title series, the ranks within each series, and a description of the qualifications for each after consultation with appropriate administrative and faculty groups, including the University Senate Council. Emeritus ranks for retired faculty members and the rights of holders of emeritus titles are established by the President after consultation with the University Senate Council.

The establishment of new academic title series or ranks and major changes in criteria for ranks shall have the approval of the Board of Trustees.

3. The Graduate Faculty

(a) Membership

The membership of the Graduate Faculty shall consist of the Dean of the Graduate School, associate and/or assistant deans of the Graduate School, and regular faculty and associate faculty members.

Graduate Faculty members must possess the following qualifications:

A doctoral degree or its equivalent in scholarly reputation;

The rank of assistant professor (or equivalent) or higher;

Scholarly maturity and professional productivity as demonstrated by publications, editorial services, research surveys, creative work, patents, and research in progress at the time of appointment; and

Definite interest in graduate work and the willingness to participate in the graduate program.

The Dean of the Graduate School confers membership in the Graduate Faculty. The appointments are made following review by the Graduate Council of the qualifications of the persons proposed for membership by the college deans, department chairpersons, and directors of graduate study, upon the recommendation of the Graduate Faculty of the respective graduate program.

Associate and other classes of members in the Graduate Faculty may be appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School, with appropriate duties and privileges, as provided by the *Rules of the Graduate Faculty* and approved by the University Senate.

(b) Officers, Committees and Councils

The Graduate Faculty may perform its functions directly, through the Graduate Council, or through standing or special committees which it may appoint or authorize for appointment, or through delegation to college, school, departmental or center graduate program faculties. Councils of the Graduate School may be appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School or elected, as prescribed by the *Rules of the Graduate Faculty* and approved by the University Senate. Copies of minutes of Graduate Faculty meetings and of meetings of Graduate Faculty committees and councils shall be made available to all members of the Graduate Faculty.

(c) Graduate Faculty Functions

Within the limits established by the *Governing Regulations* and the *University Senate Rules*, the Graduate Faculty shall have jurisdiction over all programs leading to graduate degrees and within those limits shall establish *Rules of the Graduate Faculty* necessary for the performance of its educational policymaking functions. Copies of these rules shall be made available to Graduate Faculty members and filed with the Graduate Faculty Dean, the Provost, and the University Senate Council. It is the responsibility of the Graduate Faculty to safeguard, promote, and assist in the development of research in all fields. The Graduate Faculty shall make recommendations to the University Senate on academic matters that require University Senate approval. The Graduate Faculty may make recommendations on other matters to the University Senate, to college or department faculties, to the President or other administrative officers.

The Graduate Council shall have the authority and responsibilities delegated to it by the Dean of the Graduate School, the Graduate Faculty, and the University Senate.