Graduate Faculty Membership Requirements for Anthropology

Criteria Passed on April 11, 1997, with Addenda of November 18, 1998, and Revisions on November 6, 2015

Recommendations for membership in the Graduate Faculty will originate with Committee A of the Department of Anthropology which will serve as the Graduate Faculty Committee. This committee will insure that consistent criteria are applied to maintain the highest standards of quality in the Graduate Faculty. The qualifications of Graduate Faculty status will be reviewed every five years.

Criteria for M0 status: The faculty member must be a regular (tenured, tenure-track, or ranked renewable term) faculty member with an instructional appointment in the Department of Anthropology or have a Ph.D. in Anthropology.

Criteria for M1 status: The faculty member must be a regular (tenured, tenure-track, or ranked renewable term) faculty member with an instructional appointment in the Department of Anthropology, or have a Ph.D. in Anthropology. The member must also have submitted a post-doctoral grant application, or submitted an article or book chapter or a scholarly book manuscript for publication.

Criteria for M2 status: The faculty member must be a regular (tenured, tenure-track, or ranked renewable term) faculty member with an instructional appointment in the Department of Anthropology, or have a Ph.D. in Anthropology. The member must also have had a peer-reviewed article or book chapter or a peer-reviewed book manuscript accepted for publication, or have obtained a post-doctoral research grant.

Criteria for M3 status: The criteria for untenured faculty will be different from those for tenured faculty.

Untenured Faculty, Pre-Three Year Review: The faculty member must be a tenure-track faculty member with an instructional appointment in the Department of Anthropology, or have Ph.D. in Anthropology. The member must also have had:
- at least three peer-reviewed articles or book chapters accepted for publication within five years, OR
- a peer-reviewed book manuscript accepted for publication within eight years, OR
- at least two peer-reviewed article or book chapters accepted for publication and received a postdoctoral grant within five years.

Untenured Faculty, Post-Three Year Review: The faculty member must be a tenure-track faculty member with an instructional appointment in the Department of Anthropology, or have a Ph.D. in Anthropology. The faculty member must also have:
- published a peer-reviewed book within eight years, OR
- published at least three peer-reviewed articles or book chapters within five years, OR
- published at least two peer-reviewed articles or book chapters and received a national-level research grant within five years.

Tenured Faculty: The faculty member must be a faculty member with an instructional appointment in the Department of Anthropology, or have Ph.D. in Anthropology. The faculty member must also have:
- published a peer-reviewed book within eight years, OR
- published at least three peer-reviewed articles or book chapters within five years, OR
- published at least two peer-reviewed articles or book chapters and received a national-level research grant within five years.
The Anthropology faculty affirms that consistently meeting the obligation to supervise and advance the work of graduate students is a central criterion for holding graduate faculty status. Meeting that obligation will be measured in the following manner: a) being available to students on whose committee one serves (including being physically present for oral exams and defenses unless unable to do so for appropriate reasons); b) providing appropriate information to the faculty for annual student evaluations; c) participating in the selection of students for admission to the graduate program; d) participating in scheduled faculty discussions about the graduate program. When a faculty member with graduate status consistently fails to meet these specific obligations, his or her graduate faculty status may be lessened or suspended by a vote of the faculty as a whole.

In addition, to retain M2 or M3 status, the faculty member’s previous performance as a thesis/dissertation director must have been satisfactory.

Faculty with M2 status may co-direct a dissertation with another faculty with M3 status.

Students should have dissertation chairs that are appropriate for their subfield, and exceptions should be approved by the Graduate Liaison, in consultation with the faculty of the relevant subfields.

The Anthropology faculty also recommends all untenured faculty be careful about balancing their commitments to graduate student committees with the needs of building a tenure dossier.

Addenda of November 18, 1998

These are simplified and superseded by 2015 changes and incorporated into the main document.

Revisions of November 6, 2015

These revisions were enacted in 2015, approved by the faculty, and incorporated into the main document:

- All references above to "must have a Ph.D. in Anthropology" revised to "must be a regular (tenure, tenure-track, or ranked renewable term) faculty member with an instructional appointment in the Department of Anthropology, or have a Ph.D. in Anthropology."
- The role of Committee A was clarified and a recommendation added for untenured faculty to balance graduate committee work with the job of building their tenure dossier.
- The 1998 Addenda was simplified to note that the subfield of student should match that of chair and exceptions will be handled by the Grad Liaison in consultation with relevant faculty.