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Graduate Teaching Status: Appointment

Appointment to Graduate Teaching Status (GTS) is required for members of the specialized and non-tenure-earning faculty (NTTF) to teach graduate courses. Graduate Teaching Status (GTS) does not accord eligibility to serve, co-chair, or chair master's and doctoral committees nor to perform other functions of graduate education without further appointment (see below). GTS may be awarded for multiple academic degree programs with the approval of the appropriate department, college, and the Dean of the Graduate School. A faculty member with Graduate Teaching Status may be the instructor of record for 5000, 6000, and 7000-level courses.

Subject to consideration of special circumstances, minimum qualifications are: (1) completion of the doctorate or its equivalent and/or (2) proven expertise in the teaching area.

Under special circumstances qualified persons who are not regular members of the FSU faculty may be hired into a compensated "Visiting in Lieu of" or non-compensated "Courtesy" qualifying faculty position and appointed to GTS on a temporary basis (up to three years) with the approval of the dean of the college and the Dean of the Graduate School. Temporary graduate teaching status is course-specific and expires at the end of the appointment period. Renewals may be requested by the academic unit. **Postdoctoral Scholars (9189) are eligible to be nominated for GTS for the duration of their postdoctoral appointment.** Persons holding appointments as adjunct instructors are not eligible for GTS. Academic units will determine criteria and procedures for GTS appointments, according to guidelines in the Faculty Handbook and subject to approval of the dean of the college or school. The criteria will be subject to the approval of the Dean of The Graduate School with the advice and consent of the Graduate Policy Committee. Names of new GTS appointees will be sent to the Dean of The Graduate School for confirmation with the advice and consent of the Graduate Policy Committee.

Normal policy forbids graduate students from teaching graduate courses. Exceptions can be requested as follows:

Colleges where a master's-level professional degree is the normal terminal degree may request approval from the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement through the Dean of The Graduate School for doctoral students to teach in a practice-oriented master's-level course in a specific semester under the supervision of a regular tenured or tenure-earning faculty member with graduate faculty status. The request for approval shall include (a) justification for the request, (b) details of the course, (c) full CV of the student in question, and (d) details of the supervision