Department of Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences  
College of Human Sciences  
Graduate Faculty Status Criteria

I. **Definition of Graduate Faculty Status (GFS)**

Membership in the Graduate faculty authorizes faculty to teach all graduate level courses, to sit on all graduate level committees, to chair all graduate student thesis or dissertation committees, and to participate fully in all components of graduate education, research, and service. Limitation or removal of any of these authorizations from individual GFS faculty is delegated to the unit level authority where such assignments are made.

II. **Nomination Criteria**

1. Completion of a doctoral degree from a recognized university or its equivalent; and
2. Proven expertise in the teaching and research areas:

III. **Limitations for Directing Master and Doctoral Students**

Faculty holding GFS are expected to actively engage in graduate education through teaching, mentoring and research supervision. They should show evidence of research-based scholarship and/or creative work resulting in peer-reviewed publications or equivalent work.

GFS faculty directing MS theses must have served or be currently serving on at least one active dissertation supervisory committee or thesis committee, and meet the publication criteria listed below.

GFS faculty directing doctoral dissertations must have successfully directed at least one master’s thesis and meet the publication criteria listed below.

Publication criteria: Attainment of recognized professional stature in the discipline by virtue of substantial scholarly or creative work as evidenced by one of the following within the past three years:

- Authored three (3) scholarly publications that were accepted or published in refereed journals, or
- Authored two (2) scholarly publications that were accepted or published in refereed journals and one (1) equivalent creative work such as patent.

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