

CONFERRING SUPERVISORY STATUS

Supervisory Status authorizes qualified faculty to serve as supervisors for graduate students' thesis, major papers, and other final projects required for master's degrees.

The Associate Vice President (AVP), Research and Graduate Studies approves and confers supervisory status upon eligible faculty, based on the recommendation of the Graduate Program Committee (GPC).

Supervisory status will be either full or limited, based on the qualifications of the faculty and the recommendation of the GPC.

FULL Status allows faculty to supervise theses as well as other types of major papers and final projects in their discipline, with no restriction of topics. Term of approval is 5 years.

To qualify for Full status, faculty must:

- Hold a full time B Faculty or Emeritus position at UFV
- Hold a terminal degree for their discipline (PhD for most), or a well-established professional or research reputation in their field
 - Doctorate in progress, with end date pending will be considered
- Have thesis experience or equivalent for the field
- Be currently active in scholarship (within the last 5 years)

NOTE: Scholarship is defined by the UFV Faculty Standards committee for each discipline.

LIMITED Status allows faculty to supervise major papers and other final projects in their discipline, but not a thesis. Term of approval is determined by the GPC and AVP, up to 5 years.

To qualify for Limited status, faculty must:

- Hold a minimum of a master's degree for their discipline, or have a well-established professional or research reputation in their field
- Have expertise in the subject matter as demonstrated by a record of professional and scholarly activity (within the last 5 years)

NOTE: Scholarship is defined by the UFV Faculty Standards committee for each discipline.

Limitations are determined by the GPC and AVP, and may include:

- Topic areas, as identified by the GPC
- Specific student
- Specific role (as primary or secondary supervisory, or as a 2nd reader)
- Number of students allowed to supervise simultaneously
- Period of time (e.g., 1 year vs. 5 years)
- Type of paper or project (not a thesis)

SECOND READER Status is determined by the Graduate Program Committee and does not need to be vetted by the AVP.

Anyone with full or limited supervisory status automatically qualifies for second reader as they have already been vetted.

Revoking Status

The AVP, in consultation with the GPC, may, with cause, revoke an individual's supervisory status.

Exceptions

Any departure from the above guidelines must be approved by the AVP.

Appeals

Appeals must be made to and adjudicated by the Senate Graduate Studies committee (GSC). Decisions of the GSC are final.