

Guidelines for Appointment of Dissertation Committee

The role of the dissertation committee is to supervise a doctoral candidate's dissertation activity. The committee must consist of a minimum of four members; 2 of the 4 must have Category 1 approval.

1. Chair must have approval as a Category 1 // or approval as Category 5 or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major
2. The second member must have approval as Category 1 or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major
3. The third member (external/outside) must have approval as Category 2 if selected from the faculty of an institution other than UNM, or Category 1 if a UNM faculty member outside the student's discipline
4. The fourth member can have approval as Category 1-6
5. Co-Chair (optional) must have approval as a Category 1-6

No more than one voting member may be in Category 4. Departments can impose a more restrictive structure for exam committees. A dissertation committee may consist of more than four members, if the Dean of Graduate Studies approves them for committee service.

Category One: UNM tenured or tenure-track faculty or UNM-National Laboratory Professors. Role: chair or a member of any master's or doctoral committee in any discipline, regardless of the Faculty member's FTE status.

Category Two: Tenured or tenure-track faculty at other institutions. Role: external member on dissertation committee. CV required.

Category Three: Individuals (not tenured/tenure track) whose primary employer is UNM and who hold the titles of **research** professor, **research** associate professor, **research** assistant professor; **clinician educators** with the rank of professor, associate professor assistant professor or faculty hired onto the flex track or "V" category in the School of Medicine. Role: co-chair or member of master's or dissertation committee; may only chair committees if his/her appointment is within the student's major.

Category Four: Others who are considered experts in the field. Role: voting member of the committee. CV required.

Category Five: Emeriti/Emeritae faculty may continue to chair existing committees for up to one calendar year from the date of their retirement if the graduate unit approves. They may not be appointed chair of any new committees once retired. Role: Chair, co-chair, or voting member of the committee.

Category Six: After the first year of retirement, Emeriti/Emeritae faculty may continue to serve on committees if the graduate unit approves. Role: Co-Chair or voting member of the committee.