Non-Graduate Faculty Appointments

The Graduate School from time to time may appoint individuals who teach courses but are not necessarily members of the Graduate Faculty (they are not expected to direct thesis or dissertation projects). If these individuals hold terminal degrees, they may be appointed as Teaching Professors or Research Professors. Otherwise, they may be appointed as Lecturers or Professors of the Practice. Most often, these individuals are Visiting or Part-time, perhaps appointed to teach a single course in their area of expertise. These appointments are recommended by program directors (or chairs of departments housing graduate programs). Appointments are made by the Dean.

Lecturer

Lecturers' special qualifications and experience are different from those achieved through traditional graduate and professional study.

Professor of the Practice

Professors of the Practice have gained substantial practical experience in a professional domain that is relevant to their area of teaching.

Teaching Professor

Teaching Professors hold a terminal degree in a field relevant to their teaching.

Research Professor

Research Professors are not members of the faculty but are associated with the University through its programs of research. They may have a staff position or be supported through grants.