

Environmental Sciences Graduate Program

Graduate Faculty Qualification Standards

A. Regular Member 1. Qualifications

No faculty are considered full-time faculty of the Environmental Sciences (EVS) Graduate Program. Faculty who participate in the program have teaching and/or research appointments in various departments from the College of Sciences and Mathematics, the College of Agriculture and Technology, College of Business, College of Education and Behavioral Science, College of Engineering, and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Individual faculty who teach courses and/or are Research Advisors in the EVS Graduate Program hold a doctorate in an appropriate field. They must have regular graduate faculty status already through their respective departments and colleges. EVS program makes sure that faculty members who routinely teach the core courses of EVS program are regular members or obtain regular membership at A-State with a graduate faculty group. Before a faculty member teaches for the EVS Program, approval for such teaching must be made through the EVS Program Director.

2. Appointment requirements and procedure

Faculty who are Research Advisors must be active in their profession. They must include evidence of research, publication, membership in professional organizations, participation in regional and national meetings, and the applicant must meet the qualification standards of their department.

The EVS Graduate Program will use the Handbook's six year term for a regular member.

3. Privileges and responsibilities

A Regular Member may teach EVS graduate courses, and with the approval of the EVS Program Director and the Dean of the Graduate School, a Regular Member may chair practicum, thesis, and dissertation committees for students pursuing an EVS MS (Practicum track), MS (Thesis Track) and doctoral degrees.

B. Temporary Member

1. Qualifications

An individual with a terminal degree or documented knowledge and equivalent experience shall be eligible for appointment to the graduate faculty as a Temporary Member to serve on committees. It is preferred that individuals hold a doctorate in an appropriate field such as, (but not limited to) Environmental Sciences, Ecology, Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, Zoology, Soil Science, Crop Science, Environmental Economics, Geography, and Public Policy. However, in special circumstances, individuals who have extensive professional experience that will benefit the graduate students in EVS may be recommended for temporary appointment to the Graduate Faculty even if they do not hold a doctoral degree.

2. Appointment requirements and procedure

Individuals requesting Temporary status must provide a C.V. to the Program Director. The application will then be approved through the EVS Program Committee. The Program Director will then send the application to the Graduate School for final approval. Recommendations must include specific qualifications as related to committee membership. A final appointment is approved by the Graduate

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Dean for a specified time period. At the end of the specified time period, a Temporary Member of the Graduate Faculty may reapply.

3. Privileges and responsibilities

A Temporary Member may serve on graduate student committees and graduate status is valid for three years.