

UNM GRADUATE STUDIES

Student Committees

Committee Compositions

Master's Exam and/or Thesis Committees: The role of the examination committee is to approve the exam questions, conduct the exam/defense, evaluate the student response and report the results. Each committee must consist of a minimum of three members approved by Graduate Studies.

1. Two members must be Category 1 OR one member can be Category 1 and one member may be Category 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major.
2. The chair of the exam committee must be Category 1, 5, or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major.
3. The third member can be any Category 1-6.
4. A co-chair can be from any Category 1-6 as long as the other co-chair is a Category 1 or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major.

No more than one voting member can be in Category 4. Departments can impose a more restrictive structure for exam committees.

Doctoral and M.F.A. Comprehensive Exam Committees: The role of the examination committee is to approve the exam questions, conduct the exam, evaluate the student response and report the results. Each committee must consist of a minimum of three members approved by Graduate Studies.

1. Two members must be Category 1 OR one member can be Category 1 and one member may be Category 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major.
2. The chair of the exam committee must be Category 1, 5, or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major.
3. The third member can be any Category 1-6.
4. A co-chair can be from any Category 1-6 as long as the other co-chair is a Category 1 or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major.

No more than one voting member can be in Category 4. Departments can impose a more restrictive structure for exam committees.

Doctoral and M.F.A. Dissertation Committees: The role of the dissertation committee is to supervise a doctoral candidate dissertation activity. (See appropriate sections of the Catalog for additional information. Each committee must consist of a minimum of four members approved by Graduate Studies; 2 of the 4 members must have Category 1 approval.

1. Chair must have approval as a Category 1, 5, or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major.

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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 as long as the other co-chair is a Category 1 or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major.

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