

Graduate Council

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Committee Overview

The Graduate Council provides guidance and direction for Arkansas State University's graduate programs. This committee evaluates and recommends:

- Graduate curriculum changes and proposals for new programs
- Policies on graduate admissions, academic standards, and graduation requirements
- Guidelines for graduate faculty status
- Regulations concerning graduate assistantships and stipends

Membership:

The Graduate Council consists of one tenured graduate faculty member from each college with graduate programs. Colleges offering doctoral programs have an additional faculty representative from those programs. Two graduate students appointed by the Graduate Student Council also serve on the committee.

Ex-officio, nonvoting members include the Graduate Dean and the Director of Assessment Services. The Graduate Council reports to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research (VCAAR) through the Dean of the Graduate School.

Deadlines and Forms:

- For curriculum proposals, visit [Curriculum Committee Forms](#)
- For deadlines and meetings, see the [University Curriculum Calendar-26-27](#)

Approved Curriculum Proposals

Approved proposals (approved after 2023 and forward) are available via Curriculog.

[Approved Proposal Archive \(prior to 2023\)](#)

Committee Members

First Name	Last Name	Term Expires	Appointed by
Steve	Green	2026	Agriculture
Melodie	Philhours	2027	Business
Amany	Saleh	2028	Education and Behavioral Science
Blake	Sandusky	2028	Education and Behavioral Science
Zahid	Hossain	2028	Engineering and Computer Science
Chevonna	Smith	2027	GSC
Kristin	Rheome	2027	GSC
Justin	Castro	2029	Liberal Arts and Communication
Ed	Salo	2029	Liberal Arts and Communication
Susi	Snellgrove	2027	Nursing/Health Professions
James	Farris	2027	Nursing/Health Professions
Jie	Lorence	2027	Sciences/Mathematics
Brook	Fluker	2028	Sciences/Mathematics
Melanie	Wicinski	position	AVC for Assessment and Accreditation
Tiffany	Keb	position	Provost
Steven*	Beaupre		Graduate School
Tracy*	Finch		Registrar
Attend meetings due to relevance *			
Jesse	Blankenship	Proxy for Tracy Finch	Registrar

Curriculum Forms

[Curriculum Forms | A-State Knowledge Base](#)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes are available at the official [Shared Governance archives](#).

Graduate Faculty Status

Graduate Faculty Status Database

Graduate Faculty Status Request Form

To apply for Graduate Faculty Status, please complete the form below with signatures and submit to curriculum@astate.edu.

[Graduate Faculty Status Request](#)

Related Documents:

[University Standard Qualifications for Graduate Faculty Status 3.9.20](#)

[Program Exceptions Template for GFS 1.11.19](#)

The Submit Feature on the Graduate Faculty Status Form...

- Will not function on most mobile devices.
- Works best when the PDF is accessed with Adobe Reader instead of built-in PDF preview applications. If you do not have Adobe Reader on your computer, it can be obtained here: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.
- May not function for all users accessing the forms within web browsers.
Download the form (i.e. save to your desktop) and open it using Adobe Reader.

For further assistance, please contact the [ITS Helpdesk](#) at (870) 972-3933

Graduate Council - Current Documents

All curricular proposals currently under review can be accessed via Curriculog. To access the Agenda within Curriculog: From the Curriculog home screen, select “Agendas” and then select “Graduate Council Agenda” with the appropriate meeting date.

Approved Program Specifications

- [Agriculture+\(MSA\)+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines.pdf](#)
- [Biological+Sciences+\(Dept+of\)+--+Graduate+Faculty+Qualification+Standards.pdf](#)
- [Business+\(College+of\)+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines.pdf](#)
- [Communication+Disorders+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines+\(updated+October+27+2014\).pdf](#)
- [Community+College+Education+\(SCCE\)+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines.pdf](#)
- [Computer+Science+Grad+Fac+Standards.pdf](#)
- [Disaster+Preparedness+&+Emergency+Management+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines.pdf](#)
- [Graduate+Faculty+Qualification+Standards+ELCSE.docx](#)
- [Engineering+\(College+of\)+--+Graduate+Faculty+Qualification+Standards-4-1-16.pdf](#)
- [English+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines.pdf](#)
- [Environmental+Sciences+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines-2.pdf](#)
- [Heritage+Studies+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines.pdf](#)
- [History+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines.pdf](#)
- [HPESS+Graduate+Faculty+Qualification+Guidelines-2.20.20.pdf](#)
- [Mathematics+and+Statistics+Grad+Fac+Standards.pdf](#)
- [Media+&+Communication+\(College+of\)+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines.pdf](#)
- [Molecular+Biosciences+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines.pdf](#)
- [MSN+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines.pdf](#)
- [Music+\(Dept+of\)+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines.docx](#)
- [Physical Therapy Grad Fac Qual Guidelines Fall-2020.docx](#)
- [Psychology+and+Counseling+Department+Graduate+Faculty+Qualification+Standards.pdf](#)
- [Psychology-School+Psychology+Grad+Fac+Qual+Guidelines.pdf](#)
- [Teacher+Education+Graduate+Faculty+Status+Qualifications.docx](#)
- [University+Standard+Qualifications+for+Graduate+Faculty+Status+3.9.20.docx](#)

Graduate Council Approved Status

Beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, curricular proposals approved by the Graduate Council are viewable within Curriculumlog*(accessible via MyState).

*Pending proposals from Spring 2023 that were approved outside of Curriculumlog are viewable [here](#).

23/24 Approved Outside of Curriculog (proposals originally submitted Spring 23)

- [2023G_EBS29_APPROVED_New-Concentration_MSE-School-Counseling-concentration-General-School-Counseling.docx](#)
- [2023G_LAC01_APPROVED_Reconfiguration_MSMC-Mass-Communication-1.docx](#)
- [2023G_LAC02_APPROVED_Program-Deletion_MSMC-Journalism.docx](#)
- [2023G_LAC03_APPROVED_Program-Deletion_MSMC-Radio-Television.docx](#)
- [2023G_LAC04_APPROVED_NC_MDIA-6253-Audience-Market-Analysis.docx](#)
- [2023G_LAC05_APPROVED_CM_MDIA-6433-Media-Programming-Strategies.docx](#)