Thesis or Dissertation Committee Requirements

Faculty chairing or serving on thesis or dissertation committees must have appropriate graduate faculty status as defined in Part II, Section IV of the Faculty Manual. In general, all members of a thesis or dissertation committee, including the chair of the committee, must have either associate graduate faculty status or full graduate faculty status except for the additional conditions outlined below:

- Graduate teaching faculty may serve as a fourth or fifth member of a committee as provided in Part II, Section IV of the Faculty Manual. The GC interprets this to mean that at least three members must have associate or full graduate faculty status.

- Individuals external to ECU with demonstrated expertise in the area of study in a thesis or dissertation may serve as a fourth or fifth member of a thesis or dissertation committee. The external member should have a terminal degree in an appropriate discipline or extensive professional experience. This appointment must be approved by the Dean of the Graduate School. See the Faculty Manual, Part II, Section IV, for the procedure for appointing a person to serve in this role.