

Nominated Committee:

Name and Rank (or Title)	Program/Department/Place of Employment	Registrar Use Only
Chair:		
Dean's Representative (Doctoral Committees Only):		
Is the Dean's Representative a voting committee member?	____ Yes ____ No	

The Master's Thesis Examination Committee:

- Minimum of three voting members of the Graduate Faculty, including two Full Members.
- Chair should be the student's advisor and a Full Member of the Graduate Faculty.
- Faculty that leave UMD (except Emeriti) are Grad Faculty for one year and are then nominated as Special Members.

The Doctoral Defense Committee:

- Minimum of five voting member of the Graduate Faculty, including three Full Members.
- Chair should be the student's advisor and a Full Member of the Graduate Faculty. Requests for a Co-chair must have prior Graduate School approval.
- Each committee needs a Dean's Representative as a voting or non-voting member. The Dean's Representative must have a research interest related to that of the student. The Dean's Representative must be a tenured member of the Graduate Faculty and must be from another tenure home than the student's primary advisor, or co-advisor(s).
- Faculty that leave UMD (except Emeriti) are Grad Faculty for one year and are then nominated as Special Members.

Graduate Faculty Categories:

- Full Members are UMD faculty that are tenured or on the tenure-track.
- Adjunct Members include visiting, adjunct, and affiliated faculty who can serve on thesis or dissertation committees.
- Special Members are qualified scholars outside UMD. They are approved for renewable five-year appointments