**Requirements for Regular and Honors thesis guidelines.**

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|  | Regular thesis  (in Spring 2011) | Honors thesis in ASC1 | Proposed revisions to ASC1 | Honors thesis in ENGINEERING |
| Min. GPA at graduation | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| Min. GPA in major | Not Specified | See footnote2 | Not specified2 | Not specified |
| OSU faculty research project advisor | Regular faculty (includes research and clinical); Auxiliary Faculty (if involved in research) | Tenure-track faculty | Tenure-track faculty | Tenure-track faculty |
| Exam committee member 1 | Regular faculty, (includes research and clinical); also Auxiliary Faculty (if involved in research) | “Faculty” | Regular faculty, (includes research and clinical); also Auxiliary Faculty (if involved in research) | Tenure-track faculty |
| Exam committee member 2 | None | Tenure-track faculty from another dept. | Tenure-track faculty from another dept. | None |
| Oral exam | 1 hour | 1 hour | 1 hour | 1 hour |
| Written thesis | Format set by departments | Format set by departments | Format set by departments | Format set by departments |
| Thesis course credits for quarters & semesters3 | At least 6 credits of research thesis courses, using 783H until Summer 2012.  At least 4 credits with semesters; course numbers 4999 (or 3999, 2999). | At least 8 credits of research thesis course. | At least 6 credits of research thesis courses, using 783H until Summer 2012.  At least 4 credits with semesters; course numbers 4999-H (or 3999-H, 2999-H). | At least 6 credits of research thesis courses, using 783H until Summer 2012.  At least 4 credits with semesters; course numbers 4999-H (or 3999-H, 2999-H). |
| Number of graded OSU hours | At least 90 hours (60 hours with semesters) | At least 90 hours (60 hours with semesters) | At least 90 hours (60 hours with semesters) | At least 90 hours (60 hours with semesters) |

1Not including Mathematics, which has different requirements.

2GPA in major – Only a few ASC departments specify a minimum GPA in the major. These are 3.3 in Sociology; 3.5 in Anthropology, Geography, Philosophy, Political Sci., and Psychology; and 3.6 in English. We will ask these departments for permission to delete this requirement.

3Some departments have additional course requirements for Honors theses.

Note - Many ASC departmental 783H listings refer to the 4th year standing pre-requisite and also to a specific grade or GPA requirement as part of the pre-requisite to enrolling in 783H credits. Neither has been enforced by departments. We should check with departments about eliminating this GPA requirement for enrolling in 783H, and deferring to the GPA requirement for completing an Honors thesis.

**Definitions of “Faculty”** –

University Rule 3335-5-19 Faculty.

<http://trustees.osu.edu/rules5/ru5-19.php>

As used in these rules the term "faculty" shall include persons appointed by the board of trustees with regular tenure-track, regular clinical, regular research, auxiliary, and emeritus faculty titles on full- or part-time appointments, with or without salary.

(A) "**Regular tenure-track faculty**": persons with the titles of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, and instructor who serve on appointments totaling fifty per cent or more service to the university.

(B) "**Regular clinical faculty**": Regular clinical faculty serve under fixed term contracts and are not eligible for tenure. Regular clinical faculty appointments are described in Chapter 3335-7 of the Administrative Code.

(C) “**Regular research faculty**”: Regular research faculty serve under fixed term contracts and are not eligible for tenure. Regular research faculty appointments are described in Chapter 3335-7 of the Administrative Code.

(D) "**Auxiliary faculty**": persons with adjunct titles, clinical titles, visiting titles, and lecturer titles; also professors, associate professors, assistant professors, and instructors who serve on appointments totaling less than fifty per cent service to the university. Persons holding auxiliary titles are not eligible for tenure.

(1) The titles of adjunct professor, adjunct associate professor, adjunct assistant professor, and adjunct instructor shall be used to confer faculty status on individuals who have credentials comparable to regular faculty of equivalent rank, who provide significant, uncompensated service to the instructional and/or research programs of the university and who need a faculty title to perform that service. Significant service would include teaching the equivalent of one or more courses, advising graduate students or serving on graduate committees, and serving as a co-investigator on a research project. Such individuals may be either nonuniversity employees or university employees compensated on a noninstructional budget. Adjunct appointments are made for the period in which the uncompensated service is provided not to exceed one year; renewal is contingent upon continued significant contributions.

(2) The titles of clinical professor, clinical associate professor, clinical assistant professor, and clinical instructor shall be used to confer faculty status on individuals who have credentials comparable to regular clinical faculty of equivalent rank and who either provide significant, uncompensated service for which a faculty title is needed or compensated service to the clinical instructional programs in the colleges of the health sciences.

(3) The titles of visiting professor, visiting associate professor, visiting assistant professor, and visiting instructor shall be used to confer faculty status on individuals who have credentials comparable to regular faculty of equivalent rank who spend a limited period of time on formal appointment and in residence at this institution for purposes of participating in the instructional and research programs of the university.

(4) The titles of lecturer and senior lecturer shall be used for all compensated instructional appointments where other titles are not appropriate. Lecturers' responsibilities shall be limited to formal course instruction.

**2. Definitions of “Regular Faculty” – tenure-track, research, and clinical**

<http://trustees.osu.edu/rules7/index.php>

3335-6-02 Criteria for appointment, reappointment, and promotion and tenure of tenure-track faculty.

1)Tenure-track faculty - Appointment decisions for regular faculty positions, as defined in rule 3335-5-19 of the Administrative Code, must be based on criteria that reflect strong potential to attain tenure and advance through the faculty ranks. A minimum requirement for appointment at or promotion to the rank of assistant professor or a higher rank is an earned doctorate or other terminal degree in the relevant field of study or possession of equivalent experience. Appointments at the rank of instructor should normally only be made when the offered appointment is that of assistant professor but the appointee has not completed the required terminal degree at the onset of the appointment.

2) Regular research track faculty

3335-7-30 Definition.

Regular research track faculty appointments are fixed term contract appointments that do not entail tenure. Research track faculty are researchers and shall be engaged in research related to the mission and goals of the academic unit. (B/T 6/4/2004)

 3335-7-34 Duties and responsibilities.

The primary duty of regular research track faculty is to conduct research. A research track faculty member may, but is not required to, participate in limited educational activities in the area of his or her expertise. However, teaching opportunities for each research track faculty member must be approved by a majority vote of the TIU’s regular tenure-track faculty. Under no circumstances may a member of the research track faculty be continuously engaged over an extended period in the same instructional activities as tenure-track faculty. An appointment to a research track faculty position should not be made to displace or make unnecessary an appointment to a tenure-track faculty position. (B/T 6/4/2004, B/T 6/7/2005)

3) Regular clinical track faculty

3335-7-01 Definition.

Regular clinical track faculty appointments are fixed term contract appointments that do not entail tenure. Regular clinical track faculty are teacher/practitioners and shall be engaged primarily in teaching activities related to: a) courses or instructional situations involving live patients or live clients, b) courses or instructional situations involving the simulation of live patients or live clients, or c) courses or instructional situations involving professional skills. (B/T 7/12/2002, B/T 7/9/2004). Unless an exception is approved by the university senate and the board of trustees, regular clinical track faculty may comprise no more than forty percent of the total regular tenure-track faculty (as defined in rule 3335-5-19 of the Administrative Code) in each of the departments, schools, and colleges of the health sciences and no more than twenty percent of the tenure-track faculty in other departments, schools, and colleges. (B/T 7/12/2002, B/T 7/9/2004, B/T 6/7/2005).