

3359-20-06.1 Part-time faculty appointments.

(A) Definition of part-time faculty

- (1) The designation of lecturer is used for part-time faculty members. Part-time faculty are appointed by the board of trustees, for a particular term, upon recommendation of the department chair and approval of the dean of the college. Part time faculty service requirement is limited to teaching responsibilities; all other activities are voluntary and shall not be considered to constitute full time responsibilities. (see faculty manual and rule 3359-20-03 of the Administrative Code)

(B) Assignments and load ceilings

- (1) Part-time faculty members may be assigned to more than one department.
  - (a) Salary grade structure shall be consistent throughout colleges. Appointments shall be made using the salary grade chart.
  - (b) The level of salary grade of the appointment can be determined independently by each department and college based upon approved guidelines as outlined in paragraph (E) (2) of this rule.
- (2) Part-time faculty members perform teaching responsibilities necessitated by enrollment demand; all assignments are dependent on expertise, enrollment and need. The needs of the individual college/department are determined by the dean in conjunction with the senior vice president and provost.
- (3) In order to provide maximum flexibility for academic units, part-time faculty may teach up to twelve credit hours in any given semester (fall or spring).
  - (a) Compensation for the teaching of twelve credit hours in any given semester shall not constitute de facto full time employment.

- (b) While many part-time faculty may be reappointed from successive academic terms, the appointment and any reappointments confer no expectancy whatsoever of continued employment.
  - (c) No more than twenty-one total credit hours shall be assigned to any part-time faculty member for any academic year. The academic year is defined as fall and spring semester.
- (4) Part-time faculty shall be compensated for teaching no more than nine credit hours during the summer session.
- (C) Recommended privileges that shall be made available to part-time faculty within the constraints of departmental space and budgets.
  - (1) Faculty/peer mentor
  - (2) E-mail account
  - (3) Access to computer and Internet connection with e-mail capabilities
  - (4) Access to telephone, voice mail and campus mailboxes
  - (5) Access to work space/office.
  - (6) Access to secretarial support
  - (7) Access to duplication services for coursework and examinations
  - (8) Full access to university libraries
  - (9) Opportunities for interaction with full-time faculty and information about departmental activities.
  - (10) Opportunities for and ability to contribute to discussions of curriculum issues.
- (D) Recognition of part-time faculty commitment to programs is important. Demonstration of this recognition, within the constraints of departmental space and budgets, may include but is not limited to:

- (1) Support for professional development
- (2) Opportunity to request sections and teaching times
- (3) Awards
- (4) Including part-time faculty in professional opportunities.
- (5) The department may seek input from part-time faculty regarding curricular issues.

(E) Appointment contract periods, salary and grade levels

(1) Contract Periods

Initial Appointment	Up to 21 credit hours per academic year and nine credit hours in summer session. Semester-to-semester contracts dependent on enrollment and need.
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(2) Appointment and Salary Grade Table (Salaries of current part-time faculty will not be reduced as a result of this policy.)

Category	Minimum Credentials	Salary Range
Assistant Lecturer	Master's degree with relevant experience or Bachelor's degree with twenty appropriate graduate credits and relevant experience	\$ 600 - \$ 800 per credit hour
Associate Lecturer	Master's degree with six semesters of teaching experience (INCLUDING SUMMER SESSIONS) and relevant experience or ABD and relevant experience	\$ 700 - \$ 900 per credit hour
Senior Lecturer	Doctoral degree or Master's degree with ten semesters of teaching experience (INCLUDING SUMMER SESSIONS) and relevant reputation	\$ 800 - \$1000 per credit hour
Special Lecturer	Bachelor's degree and/or relevant experience	Salary determined on case-by-case basis. Requires written justification and

		approval of the Senior Vice President and Provost
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- (3) Salary ranges in all part time categories shall be reviewed annually by the planning and budget committee of the faculty senate.
- (4) Definition of relevant experience for purposes of initial appointment
  - (a) Relevant experience is that experience directly related to the type of responsibility the part-time faculty member will have at the university of Akron. Examples of relevant experience include but are not limited to:
    - (i) Relevant work experience outside the university setting
      - (a) Teaching experience
      - (b) Professional experience
      - (c) Clinical experience
    - (ii) Relevant teaching experience at another university
    - (iii) Relevant special licensures or certificates through a recognized organizational body (local, state, or federal government or professional organization)
    - (iv) Record of activity in a relevant professional organization
- (5) Definition of recognized reputation for purposes of initial appointment includes but is not limited to:
  - (a) A recognized reputation can be in any field; however, it is meant to be taken as a reputation that is directly related to the type of responsibility that the part-time faculty member will have at the university of Akron. Examples of recognized reputation include but are not limited to:

- (i) Documentation of publication or presentation that is:
  - (a) Peer reviewed
  - (b) Recognized by those in the field
- (ii) Awards
- (b) Types of publications include but are not limited to:
  - (i) Books
  - (ii) Edited books
  - (iii) Monographs
  - (iv) Articles that are refereed
  - (v) Articles that are not refereed
  - (vi) Unique work in the field of specialization
  - (vii) Being cited by other professionals in the field
  - (viii) Chapters in books
- (F) Merit recognition for returning part-time faculty
  - (1) Increases to salary are based solely on merit. Merit decisions shall be based on the following:
    - (a) Teaching evaluations
    - (b) Chair, mentor, or peer evaluations using documented expectations and evaluation method standardized in the department or college
    - (c) Professional development specific to the course being taught may be considered
    - (d) Integration of innovative approaches and efforts to evaluate

teaching methods, e.g., computerized models, lectures using integrated technology, world wide web for course syllabus, student projects using technology

- (e) Consideration of other types of activities such as service, committee work, etc.
- (2) Merit may include one or more of the following:
- (a) Reappointment
  - (b) Increase in compensation
  - (c) Support for professional development
- (3) Academic units shall develop criteria for performance evaluations to be used for merit raises. The merit criteria shall have prior approval of the dean and may include but are not limited to:
- (a) Continuing course work toward a relevant degree
    - (i) Transcript required showing yearly progress
    - (ii) Evidence of a plan of study would need to be provided
    - (iii) Course work within the last eighteen months
  - (b) Work toward an additional relevant certificate or licensure
    - (i) Evidence of course work is needed within the last 18 months
    - (ii) Evidence of clinical work
    - (iii) Evidence of a professional plan of study
    - (iv) Evidence of relevant continuing work experience with increased responsibilities in area of expertise
  - (c) Professional development

- (i) Continuing education units in relevant areas of instruction as required by professional field (verification of attendance required)
  - (ii) Evidence of membership and active participation in professional organizations
  - (iii) Conference attendance related to the field of instruction
  - (iv) Evidence of work not specifically related to employment criteria, but that can be considered as professional development
- (G) Part-time faculty do not hold academic rank, and their grade designation is in no way related to the rank designations of full-time faculty.
- (H) The initial grade of a part-time faculty member is recommended by the department chair and approved by the dean of the college and the provost
- (I) A change in grade for a part-time faculty member will be recommended by the department chair and approved by the appropriate dean and the provost. Changes in grade and salary may be effective at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.
- (J) If a part-time faculty member subsequently becomes a member of the full-time faculty, years of service as a part-time faculty member cannot be counted toward tenure or promotion.
- (K) Assignments for part-time teaching, day and evening, are made on the recommendation of the department chair with the approval of the dean of the college responsible for the course.
- (L) A completed application and acceptance agreement for part-time teaching at the university of Akron must be on file in the dean's office and the office of human resources for each part-time faculty member. An application and acceptance agreement must also be completed with each change in grade designation.
- (M) Each semester the appropriate dean will notify each part-time faculty

member in writing of specific class assignments

- (N) Part-time group health insurance coverage benefit plan levels are the same as offered to full-time faculty and staff members. Premium costs for the coverage are paid entirely by the part-time faculty and staff members and will be the same as those charged to the university for full-time faculty and staff members.
- (1) Eligibility criteria require that part-time employees be currently teaching/working at least one-half of a full-time equivalency during the semester for which coverage is requested, and the part-time faculty members must also have established a prior employment service relationship with the university for at least one of the three immediately preceding semesters or summer sessions. The prior employment service relationship requirement need not be at a level of at least one-half of a full-time equivalency.
- (2) The office of benefits administration manages the program and premium collection.
- (O) Additional considerations
- (1) Responsibilities which shall not be required of part-time faculty:
- (a) Conference attendance or presentations shall not be mandated of part-time faculty by departments/colleges.
- (P) Part-time faculty grievance procedures are set forth in rule 3359-23-02 of the Administrative Code and faculty manual.

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