Guidelines for Prospective Affiliate & Courtesy Faculty Status Department of Political Science

To be considered for affiliate status in the Department of Political Science, interested UF faculty should submit a current CV and a statement of intent. The statement should outline the links between the faculty member's teaching and research and the discipline of political science as well as how their teaching, research, or service will complement existing department strengths.

Affiliate status may permit UF faculty members outside the Department of Political Science to serve as internal supervisory committee members for Political Science Ph.D. students, provided that the affiliate faculty are members of the Graduate Faculty. Affiliate faculty may serve on Ph.D. committees provided that both the Ph.D. student in question and the student's supervisory committee chair agree on the affiliate's goodness of fit for the committee. Per Graduate School rules, affiliate faculty may not serve as the designated external member of a Ph.D. committee.

Affiliate status is not necessary for UF faculty members outside the Department of Political Science to serve on M.A. supervisory committees nor as external members of Ph.D. committees. No graduate supervisory committee—M.A. or Ph.D.—shall include more than one faculty member with affiliate status, and no graduate committee shall be chaired or co-chaired by any faculty member whose core appointment is not in the Department of Political Science.

The number of faculty members with affiliate status in the Department of Political Science shall not exceed 50% of the number of full-time faculty members in the petitioner's prospective (or equivalent) field (i.e., American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Methods, and Political Theory). For example, if the Department of Political Science has ten full-time core faculty members in the field in question, the number of potential affiliate positions is limited to five.

The specific terms and conditions of each affiliate faculty request will be considered by faculty on a case-by-case basis and put to a vote. Per UF and CLAS regulations, all affiliates must receive a majority faculty vote and all affiliate faculty appointments end on June 30 each year.

While it is expected that affiliate appointments will be renewed annually, the department chair or any of the department's field chairs may request that the department reconsider affiliate status. In such instances, the affiliate status in question will be discussed by the faculty and subject to another majority vote, as outlined above.

Scholars holding a Ph.D. in political science who are not currently UF employees may still apply for courtesy faculty status, per the terms above. The rights, privileges, and obligations pursuant to each courtesy faculty appointment may include but cannot exceed those of UF faculty with affiliate status in the Department of Political Science.