

III. UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE AND DEFINITIONS

(See Appendix I (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/faculty-handbook/appendix/academic-org-chart/>) for University Organizational Charts.)

A. Definitions - Faculty Appointment Categories (excluding School of Law)

1. Tenure-track Faculty (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor)

Faculty with continuing appointment; eligible for tenure as outlined elsewhere in the Handbook. Normally a terminal degree is required for a tenure-track appointment.

2. Tenured Faculty (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor)

Faculty with continuing appointment; have received tenure as outlined elsewhere in the Handbook. Normally a terminal degree is required for an appointment of tenure.

3. Senior Lecturer

Faculty appointed to this position without the possibility of tenure. Criteria for promotion from the lecturer position to this position and normal workload are determined by units, typically in the areas of teaching and service and are defined through contractual language. Normally, a minimum of ½ of the assigned workload responsibility must be devoted to teaching. Compensation is by annual contract, with eligibility for raises. Promotion is granted based upon exemplary teaching or performance at Washburn University [for a minimum of 5 years of service, appointed in the 6th]. Cannot be an initial appointment at the time of hire but rather promoted according to unit guidelines from an initial appointment of Lecturer. May be full-time or part-time appointments.

4. Lecturer

Faculty hired on an annual appointment without the possibility of tenure. Normal workload is determined by units, typically in the areas of teaching and service and are defined through contractual language. Normally, a minimum of ½ of the assigned workload responsibility must be devoted to teaching. Compensation is by annual contract, with eligibility for raises. May be full-time or part-time appointments.

5. Distinguished Lecturer

Faculty hired on an annual appointment without the possibility of tenure. Normal workload is determined by units, typically in the areas of teaching and service and are defined through contractual language. Normally, a minimum of ½ of the assigned workload responsibility must be devoted to teaching. Compensation is by annual contract, with eligibility for raises. Individuals may be immediately appointed as a Distinguished Lecturer. Distinguished service and experience in business, industry, and/or higher education as determined by the academic unit and the Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs is required.

6. Librarians

Faculty with continuing appointment, without possibility of tenure. Compensation is by annual contract, with eligibility for raises.

7. Visiting Faculty

Temporary faculty with ranks and duties similar to tenure-track faculty; not eligible for tenure; appointment renewable up to 6 years.

8. Adjunct Faculty

Temporary instructional personnel, hired by department chair or dean on a one-semester contract. Compensation is per equated credit hour. Maximum load per semester is 6 equated hours of teaching or 2 courses, whichever is greater (or equivalent as assigned).

9. Senior Adjunct Faculty/Clinical Faculty/Emeritus Adjunct Faculty

Temporary instructional personnel, hired by dean on a one-year contract. Compensation is per equated credit hour, but may be guaranteed for the entire year. Maximum load per semester is 9 equated hours of teaching (or equivalent as assigned).

B. Definitions - Faculty Appointment Categories (School of Law)

1. Tenured Faculty (Professor of Law) or Tenure-track Faculty (Generally designated as Associate Professor of Law. Designation of Professor of Law may be granted by dean in exceptional cases.)

Faculty with continuing appointment; eligible for tenure as outlined elsewhere in the Handbook.

2. Non-tenure-track Faculty (Generally designated as Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Visiting Associate Professor of Law, or Visiting Professor of Law. Designation of Associate Professor of Law (without the qualifier of "visiting") may be granted by dean in exceptional cases.)

Hired on annual or semester contract with no possibility of tenure. Appointment renewable. Scholarship not expected.

3. School of Law Librarians

Hired on annual contract with no possibility of tenure. Appointment renewable. May have teaching responsibilities. Scholarship not expected. School of Law Librarians are not considered members of the law faculty, but they are voting faculty members of the University General Faculty.