THE GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE COMMITTEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Use this online tool to help you determine whether the proposed committee would meet the following criteria. [https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3OeLFS8KbP46TqJ](https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3OeLFS8KbP46TqJ)

For **doctoral committees/final oral examination** committees:

1. The chair or one of the co-chairs of the committee must be graduate faculty from the student’s program.
2. The committee must have at least four members. The committee must have members from at least two University of Wisconsin—Madison graduate programs.
3. Three of the committee members must be UW–Madison graduate faculty or former UW–Madison graduate faculty up to one year after resignation or retirement.
4. At least three committee members must be designated as readers.
5. The fourth member and any additional members may be from any of the following categories, as approved by the program executive committee (or its equivalent): graduate faculty, faculty from a department without a graduate program, academic staff (including emeritus faculty), visiting faculty, faculty from other institutions, scientists, research associates, and other individuals deemed qualified by the executive committee (or its equivalent).
6. All committee members have voting rights. To receive a doctoral degree, students cannot receive more than one dissenting vote from their committee on the final degree warrant.

For **master’s thesis** committees:

1. The chair or one of the co-chairs of the committee must be graduate faculty from the student’s program.
2. The committee must have at least three members.
3. Two of the committee members must be UW–Madison graduate faculty or former UW–Madison graduate faculty up to one year after resignation or retirement.
4. The third member and any additional members may be from any of the following categories, as approved by the program executive committee (or its equivalent): graduate faculty, faculty from a department without a graduate program, academic staff (including emeritus faculty), visiting faculty, faculty from other institutions, scientists, research associates, and other individuals deemed qualified by the executive committee (or its equivalent).
5. All committee members have voting rights. To receive a master’s degree, students cannot receive more than one dissenting vote from their committee on the final degree warrant.