

## **Policy on Co-Advisors / Co-Chairs**

We recognize that it is beneficial for some programs at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to have co-chairs or co-advisors on thesis and/or dissertation committees. In some circumstances this gives credit to someone who has shared equally in the advising of a student's research and/or project. The policy of the Graduate School is to allow recognition of this by allowing co-chairs or co-advisors to serve on dissertation and/or thesis committees. The minimum qualification to serve as a co-chair or co-advisor is affiliate graduate faculty status. It should be noted that a co-chair or co-advisor is not equal in status to the dissertation/thesis committee chair. The chair/advisor of the committee is still ultimately responsible for the student and his/her performance.

Co-chairs and co-advisors will be acknowledged in a signature line on the signature page of the thesis or dissertation. An example signature page is attached.

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Thesis Co-Advisor:  
(when appropriate)

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