

Missouri Western State University

Terminal Degrees

Academic Policies

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Terminal Degree Requirements as of July 1, 2008

The doctorate is considered the terminal degree at MWSU. There are, however, some instances in which other degrees must be recognized as terminal because doctoral programs in certain disciplines either do not exist or are not widespread. Furthermore, disciplinary, regional and/or national accrediting agencies may recognize degrees other than the doctorate as terminal. The Provost, in consultation with the relevant dean and department chair, shall be responsible for determining if a non-doctoral degree is considered to be terminal. Faculty with the doctorate or other terminal degree must be appointed to the rank of assistant professor, associate professor, or professor. Faculty without the doctorate or other terminal degree will normally be appointed to the rank of instructor unless an exception is made by the Provost. ABDs must be appointed to the rank of instructor.