

The University of Macau
Rules for Supervisors for Postgraduate Students

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Remarks: To rename the rules and add requirements for co-supervisor.

1. PhD Principal Supervisors

- 1.1. An Assistant Professor or above, who holds a PhD degree is eligible to be a principal supervisor.
- 1.2. Once the principal supervisor is no longer a regular academic staff at UM, a new principal supervisor is required.

2. Principal Supervisors for Students in Other Doctoral Degree Programmes

- 2.1. An academic staff at UM who holds a PhD degree is eligible to be a principal supervisor.
- 2.2. Once the principal supervisor is no longer a regular academic staff at UM, a new principal supervisor is required.

3. Supervisors/Mentors for Master's Students

- 3.1. A supervisor/mentor must be assigned to each Master's student upon his/her registration during the first semester.
- 3.2. If a student chooses a new supervisor/mentor and the new supervisor/mentor accepts, the student should inform the academic unit concerned. Otherwise, the original supervisor/mentor shall continue to act as the supervisor/mentor.
- 3.3. Once the supervisor/mentor is no longer a regular academic staff at UM, a new supervisor/mentor is required.

4. Co-supervisors for Students in PhD, Master's and Other Doctoral Degree Programmes

- 4.1. When an academic staff recruits students in PhD, Master's or other doctoral degree programmes at the age of 62 or above, an internal co-supervisor who is also a regular academic staff at UM is required.

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- 4.2. Associate Professor in teaching track or Assistant Professor in teaching or balanced track when recruiting PhD students, an internal co-supervisor who is a regular academic staff at the Assistant Professor level or above and not under any of the above-mentioned tracks at UM is required.
- 4.3. Appointment of co-supervisor should be reviewed by the academic unit concerned.
- 4.4. The internal co-supervisor should normally be the principal supervisor when the principal supervisor is no longer a regular academic staff at UM.
- 4.5. Non-UM academic staff is not eligible to be a principal supervisor, but s/he can be appointed as a co-supervisor if necessary.

5. Exceptions

Exceptions may be permitted with the approval of the Rector or Vice Rector (Academic Affairs).