

**PURDUE**  
UNIVERSITY  
NORTH CENTRAL

**Office of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs**

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**CONTINUING LECTURER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- I. POLICY STATEMENT:** Purdue University defines a Continuing Lecturer as follows: “A category of Lecturer staff employed by an academic School of the University to instruct a course or courses on an ongoing basis, and to perform other appropriate and necessary duties relating to the course or courses, their students, and the school’s instructional programs.” The University policy further states: “Continuing Lecturers are employed on an ongoing basis and accrue the same benefits as administrative/professional staff and are subject to the Purdue policies, benefits, and procedures for the administrative/professional staff classification. They do not have faculty voting privileges, nor are they eligible for tenure or sabbatical leave.”
- II. EXPECTATIONS:** Appointment to a Continuous Lecturer position at Purdue University North Central entails acceptance of responsibility to the University for the activities of learning including instruction of courses on an ongoing basis, and performing other appropriate and necessary duties relating to courses, students and the University’s instructional programs. Continuing Lecturers are responsible for meeting these assignments and activities during the academic year (and, if under contract, in the summer) as authorized by the Board of Trustees, President of the University, Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and their respective Department Chairs. Department Chairpersons, in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, determine and assign all faculty obligations and responsibilities. These responsibilities include:
- A.** Teaching courses within the range of 14-16 contact hours per week per semester during the academic year, with appropriate adjustment during summer sessions as determined by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. This shall include the following:
1. Meeting all scheduled class and examination periods, including scheduling appropriate make-up time for any class or examination periods that might be missed during the course of a given semester. If absence from class becomes necessary, the faculty member must notify the department chair at the earliest possible opportunity and, unless in extreme emergency, prior to the beginning of the class to be missed. Course assignments must be planned so that no examinations or quizzes are given during the 15th week of classes. The only exceptions are laboratory examinations.

2. All assigned courses are to be conducted in accordance with the catalogue description, the current course outline, and stipulations of the department chair.
  3. Federal regulations require that faculty maintain accurate attendance records. Faculty *must* report all students who miss more than two successive class sessions to the Office of the Dean of Students (LSF 103, ext. 5230). Faculty teaching courses that meet only once each week should report absences for each class since each class constitutes one week of academic work.
  4. Participation in the student evaluation process in accordance with established policies and procedures. Student evaluations must be administered during the last three weeks of the term. Evaluation packets are available in the department offices.
  5. In consultation with the appropriate department chair, provide to all students in each course taught, and to the appropriate department chair, a syllabus that complies with the guidelines for syllabi issued by the office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. All syllabi should include at a minimum the professor's contact information, office hours, course outline, grading policy, absence policy and reading list.
  6. Submission of all grade reports, student absence from class reports or other required documentation within the established timelines. In particular, final grade reports must be submitted on time.
  7. Upon completion of teaching assignment, grading records, grade books, homework, attendance records and other class-related records must be submitted to the department chairperson.
- B.** Availability on campus for interactions with students, which in general assumes at least four days per week of direct campus activities (includes off-campus assignments such as clinical labs and continuing education) during the academic year, with appropriate adjustment during summer sessions.
- C.** Maintaining regularly scheduled office hours each week during the semester, as determined by department needs.
- D.** Academic advising of students if assigned within the department.
- E.** Participation in department meetings (by University regulation, Continuing Lecturer appointment may not vote in tenure or promotion activities).
- F.** Engaging in activities to promote individual professional development appropriate within the faculty member's primary discipline.
- G.** Attendance at official University functions.

**H.** Engaging in activities to promote the overall advancement of the Campus such as involvement in educational programs, community service (University engagement activities), and student activities.

Within the mission, goals and needs of the department, at this Campus and of the University, the particular skills, talents and inclinations of each faculty member will be respected, subject to the overall fulfillment of aggregate responsibilities.

**II. APPOINTMENT:** All Continuous Lecturer appointments are for a ten month period beginning one week prior to the start of regular classes in the fall and ending after commencement at the end of the spring semester.

**III. TENURE AND/OR SABBATICAL LEAVE:** Continuous Lecturers are not eligible for tenure or sabbatical leave.



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Date