

Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11

For compliance in a degree program, the institution assigns responsible Non-

Proof/Explanation:

While all TTU faculty bear responsibility for its academic programs, each school, department, or interdisciplinary major designates individual faculty to oversee the integrity and development of its majors and/or concentrations (1). These duties are delegated in various ways, often depending on the overall number of majors in a given department or school, and on the diversity of the degrees or concentrations it offers. In departments with a large number of student majors and diverse areas of study, these duties are usually assigned to several faculty members with expertise in those areas. In smaller departments, the department chairperson may serve in this role.

Academic program coordinators are typically also advisors who work closely with students to ensure they progress toward a degree. Coordinators also initiate or oversee the process of curricular change at the department level. Curricular proposals are reviewed by committees that represent the constituent parts of the department, school, or college, and by the University Curriculum Committee, whose members are department chairpersons, deans, and program directors (2). Graduate curriculum and policy changes are reviewed by the Graduate School Executive Committee, with representatives of all colleges with graduate programs (3).

In some instances, the highest degree of a faculty member who coordinates an academic program is not in a field identical to the area he or she oversees. In these cases (4)