

PROFESSORIAL TEACHING TRACK IMPLEMENTATION: Sabbatical Eligibility Details

Standard Sabbatical Eligibility for Professorial Teaching Track Ranks

Faculty in professorial teaching track ranks are eligible to take a sabbatical leave in their seventh year of service to the University or in the seventh year after returning from a previous sabbatical leave. Applicants would apply for sabbatical in the year preceding their requested sabbatical using the established faculty sabbatical application process and associated form.

Historical Context

Prior to implementation of the professorial teaching track, Lecturers Full-Time, Senior Lecturers Full-Time, and Principal Lecturers were eligible to take a sabbatical leave in their seventh year of service to the University or in their seventh year after returning from a previous sabbatical leave. Applicants could count up to two years of service in a Lecturer Full-Time – Temporary title toward meeting the service accrual requirement.

Phased Eligibility Accrual during Transition to Professorial Teaching Track

For a limited time following implementation of UW’s new professorial teaching track, those in teaching track ranks will be allowed to count a limited amount of previous service in select lecturer/senior lecturer/principal lecturer titles toward meeting the service accrual requirement for sabbatical eligibility. The table below outlines how much time in specific ranks/titles can count toward sabbatical eligibility.

Title/Rank in which Service Occurred	If Planning for a Sabbatical During...					
	AY2021-22, applicants may count...	AY2022-23, applicants may count...	AY2023-24, applicants may count...	AY2024-25, applicants may count...	AY2025-26, applicants may count...	AY2026-27 + [STANDARD]
Lecturer FT Senior Lecturer FT Principal Lecturer	All years	4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	X
Lecturer FT – Temporary	2 years	1 year	X	X	X	X
Assistant Teaching Professor Associate Teaching Professor Teaching Professor	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	All years
	To be eligible for sabbatical, an applicant’s continuous full-time service years in any AY column above must add up to 6–inclusive of the year the sabbatical application is submitted. The sabbatical is then taken in the seventh year.					