

## **Deuel ping Academic Supervisor at Damascus University as perceived by Teaching Staff**

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### **Abstract**

This study proposes to assess the factors affecting the role of the supervisors of master and PhD candidates at Damascus University. A questionnaire survey was designed to investigate the effect of gender, speciality, graduate committee membership, research activity, and administration on the number of theses and dissertations supervised by the faculty members.

The results of analyzing 87 respondents showed that: a) males supervised significantly more theses/dissertations than females, b) speciality has no significant effect on the number of theses/dissertations supervised by faculty members, c) faculty members with professor ranks supervised significantly more theses/dissertations than faculty members with associate and assistant ranks, d) there are a positive correlation between the memberships of graduate committee and the number of supervised theses/dissertations, e) faculty members with administrative duties supervised significantly more theses/dissertations than faculty members with no administrative duties, G) there are a positive correlation between the number of conference researches and the number of supervised theses/dissertations.

This study recommends the encouragement of staff members in theses/dissertation supervision and more involvement in research activities to be more productive in supervision.

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