

## Status Report: New and Existing Academic Program Reviews and Professional Accreditations in Progress

### NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UNDER REVIEW

Proposals for new academic programs are initiated by faculty in their academic unit and proceed through the following stages:

- Stage 1.** Proposal preparation at the unit and college levels.
- Stage 2.** Review and approval at the unit and college levels.
- Stage 3.** University internal review and approval process. Proposals are reviewed by the 1) Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee, 2) Graduate Council (for new graduate programs only), 3) Faculty Senate Curriculum Council, 4) Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 5) Faculty Senate, 6) Provost, and 7) Board of Trustees.
- Stage 4.** External review and approval process. Proposals are reviewed by the Statewide Provosts Council and approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). Once this review and approval process is complete, the university provides notification of the program to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), the university’s accrediting body.

The table below summarizes academic programs under review as of May 1, 2021. Changes since the April 1 report to the committee are shown in blue text:

College	Program Name	Type of Program
<b>Stage 1: Proposal Preparation</b>		
None		
<b>Stage 2: Unit and College Review and Approval</b>		
Liberal Arts	BA/BS in Contemporary Music Industry	New: Undergraduate Degree Program (for delivery at OSU-Corvallis)
Liberal Arts	BA/BS in Applied Humanities	New: Undergraduate Degree Program (for delivery at OSU – Corvallis)
Liberal Arts	BA/BS in Theatre Arts	New: Undergraduate Degree program (for delivery at OSU – Corvallis)

Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences	BS in Oceanography	New: Undergraduate Degree Program (for delivery at OSU – Corvallis)
<b>Stage 3: Pending Board of Trustees Approval</b>		
Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences	BS in Geology	New: Undergraduate Degree Program (for delivery at OSU – Corvallis)
Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences	BS in Climate Science	New: Undergraduate Degree Program (for delivery at OSU – Corvallis)
<b>Stage 4: Pending Statewide Provosts Council Recommendation</b>		
Public Health and Human Sciences	BS in Nursing	New: Undergraduate Degree Program (for delivery at OSU-Cascades)
Liberal Arts	MA, MS in Communication	New: Graduate Degree Program
<b>Stage 4: Pending Higher Education Coordinating Commission Approval</b>		
None		

The following table summarizes new options, minors, and certificates, approved by the NWCCU since the last report to the committee.

College	Program Name	Type of Program	Date Approved NWCCU
Liberal Arts	Global Learning Certificate	New Undergraduate Certificate	* Change request submitted, pending approval
Business	Supply Chain and Logistics Minor	New Undergraduate Minor	* Change request submitted, pending approval
Liberal Arts	American Cultures and Identities Option	New Undergraduate Option	* Change request submitted, pending approval
Liberal Arts	Culture and the Environment Option	New Undergraduate Option	* Change request submitted, pending approval

Liberal Arts	General American Studies Option	New Undergraduate Option	* Change request submitted, pending approval
Business	Business Information Minor	New Undergraduate Minor	* Change request submitted, pending approval
Liberal Arts	Pre-Law Studies Option	New Undergraduate Option	* Change request submitted, pending approval
Liberal Arts	Law and Society Option	New Undergraduate Option	* Change request submitted, pending approval
Liberal Arts	Humans and the Environment Option	New Undergraduate Option	* Change request submitted, pending approval
Liberal Arts	General Social Science Option	New Undergraduate Option	* Change request submitted, pending approval
Liberal Arts	Energy Systems Engineering Option	New Undergraduate Option	* Change request submitted, pending approval
Science	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Minor	New Undergraduate Minor	* Change request submitted, pending approval

**PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATIONS IN PROGRESS: AY 2020-2021**

OSU is accredited by the NWCCU, one of seven institutional accreditation agencies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. In July 2019, the Board of Commissioners of the NWCCU reaffirmed OSU’s institutional accreditation through 2026. In reaffirming OSU’s accreditation, the Commission requested that OSU submit an Ad Hoc Self-Evaluation report, without a visit, in fall 2020. The purpose of this Ad Hoc report is to address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2019 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report. The Commission also requested that OSU submit a Progress Report in fall 2020 addressing Recommendations 2 and 3. OSU submitted the Ad Hoc and Progress Reports on September 14, 2020. OSU received formal notification of the NWCC’s acceptance of the Reports in a letter to President Alexander dated February 12, 2021.

OSU’s NWCCU evaluation schedule, based on 2020 Standards for Accreditation and Eligibility Requirements<sup>1</sup>, is:

- Annual Report – due on August 15 each year
- Progress Report – Fall 2020
- Mid-Cycle Evaluation (Year Three Report) – Spring 2022
- Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review (PRFR – Year Six Report) – Spring 2025
- Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness (EIE – Year Seven Report) – Spring 2026

<sup>1</sup> The NWCCU 2020 Eligibility Requirements and Standards for Accreditation are available on the Commission’s website: <https://www.nwccu.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2020-NWCCU-ERs-and-Standards-1.pdf>

In addition to the university-wide accreditation, there are several academic program and specialized/professional program accreditations. These are reviewed on a regular cycle by their accrediting bodies. Programs currently under review during Academic Year 2020-2021 are shown in the following table.

Academic Year 2020-2021		
Unit	Program/Unit and Accrediting Body	Status
<b>Academic Program Accreditations</b>		
College of Engineering	<b>Bioengineering; Chemical Engineering; Civil Engineering; Computer Science (Computer Systems Option); Ecological Engineering; Electrical and Computer Engineering; Energy Systems Engineering; Environmental Engineering; Industrial Engineering; Manufacturing Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; Nuclear Engineering; and Radiation Health Physics Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET (ABET)</b>	Self-study Report July 2020  Site Visit January 31 – February 5, 2021 (Virtual)
College of Engineering	<b>Construction Engineering Management</b> American Council for Construction Education (ACCE)	Site Visit November 15 – 17, 2020
College of Forestry	<b>Forest Engineering; Forest Engineering-Civil Engineering</b> Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET (ABET)	Self-study Report July 2020  Site Visit January 31 – February 5, 2021 (Virtual)
College of Liberal Arts	<b>Master of Public Policy</b> Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)	Self-study Report September 1, 2020  Site Review <a href="#">March 2 – 5, 2021</a>
College of Public Health and Human Sciences	<b>Master of Athletic Training</b> Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)	Self-study Report Due by July 1, 2021
Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine	<b>Veterinary Medicine</b> American Veterinary Medicine Association, Council on Education (COE)	Site Review April 4-8, 2021

Academic Year 2020-2021		
Unit	Program/Unit and Accrediting Body	Status
<b>Administrative Units - Specialized and Professional Accreditations</b>		
Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine	<b>Lois Bates Acheson Veterinary Teaching Hospital</b> [American Animal Hospital Association, (AAHA)]	<a href="#">Postponed by AAHA July 13, 2021 (Virtual evaluation)</a>
Division of Student Affairs	<b>Counseling and Psychological Services</b> [International Association of Counseling, (IACS)]	Personnel Update Report Spring 2021
Division of Student Affairs	<b>Counseling and Psychological Services</b> [American Psychological Association, (APA)]	Self-study Report January 2021  <del>Site Visit July 2021</del> <a href="#">Fall 2022/Winter 2023 (Postponed by APA)</a>
Research Office	<b>Institutional Animal Care and Use Program</b> [Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, International (AAALAC)]	Summer 2021