

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, the university’s accrediting body.

Academic programs at stages 3 and 4 as of January 10, 2020, are summarized in the following table:

College	Program Name	Type of Program
Stage 3: Pending Graduate Council Approval		
Engineering	PhD, MS, and MEng in Artificial Intelligence	New: Graduate Degree Program
Stage 3: Pending Faculty Senate Curriculum Council Approval		
Liberal Arts	BA, BA in Marine Studies	New: Undergraduate Degree Program
Stage 3: Pending Board of Trustees Approval		
Engineering	BS in Outdoor Products	New: Undergraduate Degree Program (for delivery at OSU-Cascades)
Engineering	BS in Engineering Science	New: Undergraduate Degree Program (for delivery at OSU-Cascades)
Liberal Arts	MA, MS in History	New: Graduate Degree Program

Liberal Arts	BA in Creative Writing	New: Undergraduate Degree Program
Stage 4: Pending Statewide Provosts Council Approval		
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
Pending Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Notification		
Agricultural Sciences	BS in Biological Data Sciences	New: Undergraduate Degree Program
Liberal Arts	BMus in Music Studies	New: Undergraduate Degree Program

EXISTING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UNDER REVIEW: AY 2019-20

The following table summarizes ten-year external reviews completed that are underway or scheduled through May 2020.

Unit	Program	10-Year External Review
Graduate School	MA, MS, PSM, PhD in Environmental Sciences	October 2019
College of Agricultural Sciences	BS in Agricultural Sciences	Scheduled Spring 2020
College of Agricultural Sciences	MS in Agricultural Education	Scheduled Spring 2020
College of Engineering	MS, PhD in Robotics	Scheduled Winter 2020

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATIONS IN PROGRESS: AY 2019-20

Oregon State University is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), one of seven regional accreditation agencies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The OSU accreditation site visit by NWCCU took place April 15-17, 2019. OSU was reviewed by the NWCCU Commissioners during their June meeting. On July 12, 2019, President Ray received a letter stating the NWCCU reaffirmed the regional accreditation of Oregon State University through 2026. OSU has a required Ad Hoc Report addressing Recommendations 1, 2, 3 that is due Fall 2020.

In August 2019, NWCCU member institutions voted to approve the adoption of revisions to Eligibility Requirements, Standards for Accreditation, and the Evaluation Cycle¹. These changes take effect January 1, 2020. Based on these revisions, OSU’s evaluation schedule will be:

- Annual Report – due on August 15th 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

In addition to the university-wide accreditation, there are a number of professional academic program accreditations. These are reviewed on a regular cycle by their accrediting bodies. Programs currently under review during Academic Year 2019-20 are shown in the following table.

¹ 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>

Academic Year 2019 - 2020		
Unit	Program/Unit and Accrediting Body	Status
Professional Academic Programs		
College of Agricultural Sciences	Food Science and Technology [Higher Education Review Board of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT)]	Approved December 2019
College of Business	Accountancy; Business Administration; Business Analytics; Business Information Systems; Finance; Innovation Management Double Degree; Management; and Marketing [Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)]	May 2020
College of Engineering	Ecological Engineering; Bioengineering; Chemical Engineering; Environmental Engineering; Civil Engineering; Computer Science (Computer Systems Option); Electrical and Computer Engineering; Energy Systems Engineering; Industrial Engineering; Manufacturing Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; Nuclear Engineering; and Radiation Health Physics [Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc. (ABET)]	Spring 2020 - Fall 2020
College of Forestry	Forest Engineering; Forest Engineering-Civil Engineering [Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc. (ABET)]	Spring 2020 - Fall 2020
College of Public Health and Human Sciences	Public Health, Health Management and Policy Option [Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)]	Accredited December 2019
College of Pharmacy	Pharmacy [Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)]	March 2020
College of Science	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology [American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB)]	Accredited November 2019
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Administrative Units		
Division of Student Affairs	Counseling and Psychological Services [International Association of Counseling, (IACS)]	2020
Division of Student Affairs	Student Health Services [Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC)]	Accredited October 2019
Division of Student Affairs	Student Health Services Laboratory [Commission of Office Laboratory Accreditation (COLA)]	Accredited September 2019