

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

BACKGROUND

A total of 11 Colleges and the Graduate School offer academic programs at Oregon State University:

- College of Agricultural Sciences
- College of Business
- College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences
- College of Education
- College of Engineering
- College of Forestry
- College of Liberal Arts
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Public Health and Human Sciences
- College of Science
- College of Veterinary Medicine
- Graduate School

Combined, Oregon State University offers a total of 227 degree programs and 30 certificate programs (87 Bachelor's, 78 Master's, 60 Doctorate and 2 First Professional—Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) and Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)). Detailed information about academic programs, including majors, minors, and other information for each college is available at: <http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/ProgramSummaries.aspx>.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UNDER REVIEW

Proposals for new academic programs originate with faculty in their academic unit:

Stage 1 of the process is the proposal preparation at the unit and college levels.

Stage 2 of the process is the review and approval of the new academic program at the unit and college levels.

Stage 3 is the university internal review and approval process with review by the 1) College Curriculum Committee, 2) Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee, 3) for new graduate programs only, Graduate Council and external peer review, 4) Curriculum Council, 5) Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 6) Faculty Senate, 7) Provost, and 8) Board of Trustees.

Stage 4 is the external review and approval process and includes review by the Statewide Provosts Council and approval by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). Once this review and approval process is complete, the university provides notification of the new program to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, the university's accrediting body.

The following table provides a summary of academic program proposals under preparation and review as of October 2019. Changes since the May 2019 report to the committee are shown in blue text.

Stage 1: Faculty and Academic Unit			
Liberal Arts	BS in Contemporary Music	New: Undergraduate Degree Program	Preparation
Stage 2: Academic Unit and College			
Liberal Arts and OSU-Cascades	BA in English	Extend: Undergraduate Degree Program to OSU-Cascades	Academic Units
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Marine Studies	New: Undergraduate Degree Program	College of Liberal Arts
Engineering	MS, PhD in Artificial Intelligence	New: Graduate Degree Program	Academic Units
Business	BS in Supply Chain Logistics Management	New: Undergraduate Degree Program	Academic Units
Forestry	Master of Design (MDes) in Product Sciences and Creative Design	New: Graduate Degree Program	Academic Units
Stage 3: University and Board of Trustees¹			
Engineering and OSU-Cascades	BS in Outdoor Products	New: Undergraduate Degree Program (OSU-Cascades only)	Step 1: College Curriculum Committee
Engineering and OSU-Cascades	BS in Engineering Science	New: Undergraduate Degree Program (OSU-Cascades only)	Step 1: College Curriculum Committee
Liberal Arts	BA in Creative Writing	New: Undergraduate Degree Program	Step 1: College Curriculum Committee

¹ Note: The review by the OSU Board of Trustees comes at the end of Stage 3.

Liberal Arts	MA, MS in History	New: Graduate Degree Program	Step 3: Graduate Council
Agricultural Sciences	BS in Biological Data Sciences	New: Undergraduate Degree Program	Step 8: Board of Trustees
Liberal Arts	BMus in Music Studies	New: Undergraduate Degree Program	Step 8: Board of Trustees
Science	PSM, MS in Applied Physics	Termination: Graduate Degree	Step 8: Board of Trustees
Stage 4: External Reviews			
Public Health and Human Sciences and OSU-Cascades	BS in Nursing	New: Undergraduate Degree Program (OSU-Cascades only)	Statewide Provosts Council
Liberal Arts	MA, MS in Communication	New: Graduate Degree Program	Statewide Provosts Council

EXISTING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UNDER REVIEW

Once academic degree programs are created, there are annual assessments and follow-up reviews to assess whether the program is meeting university, course, and program learning outcomes within the context of the university’s strategic plan and unit plans. Ten-year external reviews are also conducted for undergraduate and graduate majors.

The following table summarizes ten-year external reviews completed in 2018, 2019, underway, or scheduled through May 2020. Changes since the May 2019 report to the committee are shown in blue text.

College	Program	10-Year External Review
Agricultural Sciences	BS in Horticulture	2018 (completed)
Agricultural Sciences	BS in Food Science and Technology	2018 (completed)
Agricultural Sciences	MA, MS, PhD in Applied Economics	2018 (completed)
Agricultural Sciences	MS, PhD in Food Science and Technology	2018 (completed)
Agricultural Sciences	BS in Agricultural Business Management	2019 (completed)
Agricultural Sciences	BA in Agricultural Sciences	Scheduled winter or spring 2020
Agricultural Sciences	BS in Environmental Economics Policy	2019 (completed)
Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences	MS in Marine Resource Management	2018 (completed)
Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences	MA, MS, PhD in Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences	2018 (completed)
Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences	BS in Environmental Sciences	2019 (completed)
Education	BA, BS in Education	2018 (completed)
Engineering	MS, MEng, PhD in Industrial Engineering	2018 (completed)
Engineering	MS, PhD in Materials Sciences	2019 (completed)
Engineering	MS, PhD in Mechanical Engineering	2019 (completed)
Engineering	MS, MEng, PhD in Biological and Ecological Engineering	2019 (completed)
Graduate School	MS, PhD in Molecular and Cellular Biology	2018 (completed)
Graduate School	MA, MS, PSM, PhD in Environmental Sciences	Scheduled fall 2019

College	Program	10-Year External Review
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Philosophy	2018 (completed)
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Economics	2018 (completed)
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Philosophy	2018 (completed)
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Psychology	2018 (completed)
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Music	2018 (completed)
Liberal Arts	BA in English	2018 (completed)
Liberal Arts	MA in English	2018 (completed)
Liberal Arts	MFA in Creative Writing	2018 (completed)
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Sociology	2019 (completed)
Liberal Arts	BA in American Studies	2019 (completed)

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.

In August 2019, NWCCU member institutions voted to approve the adoption of revisions to Eligibility Requirements, Standards for Accreditation, and the Evaluation Cycle. These changes take effect January 1, 2020. The following is OSU’s evaluation schedule:

- Annual Reports – 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

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 a number of professional academic program accreditations. These are reviewed on a regular cycle by their accrediting bodies. Programs currently under review during AY 2019-20 are shown in the following table.

FY 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)]	October 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)]	October 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)]	October 2019
College of Science	Biochemistry & Biophysics [American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB)]	Due 2022 Aiming to submit October 2019
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)]	October 2019