

Status Report: New and Existing Academic Program Reviews and 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 28 certificate programs (84 Bachelor's, 81 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 review and approval of the new academic program at the unit and college levels.

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

Stage 3 is the external review and approval process and includes review by the statewide Provosts' Council and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. 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. Changes since the January 19, 2017, report to the committee are shown in blue text.

College	Program	Proposed Change	Review Stage and Status of Review
Liberal Arts	BS in Contemporary Music	New: Undergraduate Degree Program	Proposal Preparation
Liberal Arts	Bachelor of Music (BMus)	New: Undergraduate Degree Program	Proposal Preparation
Liberal Arts	BS in Public Policy	New: Undergraduate Degree Program	Proposal Preparation
Liberal Arts	Executive Master of Public Policy (Proposal is on hold) [Online via Ecampus]	New: Graduate Degree Program	Proposal Preparation
Agricultural Sciences	Professional Science Master's (PSM) in Applied Systematics in Botany (Program is currently suspended; no new students are being admitted.)	Terminate: Graduate Degree Program	Stage 1: Academic Unit
Engineering	BS in Architectural Engineering	New: Undergraduate Degree Program	Stage 1: Engineering Curriculum Committee
Liberal Arts	BA in World Languages and Cultures (Proposal is on hold)	New: Undergraduate Degree Program	Stage 1: Academic Unit
Science	MS, PSM in Applied Physics (Program is currently suspended; no new students are being admitted.)	Terminate: Graduate Degree Program	Stage 1: Academic Unit
Forestry	BS in Tourism, Recreation, and Adventure Leadership (TRAL)	New: Undergraduate Degree Program (merger of the TOL and RRM degree programs)	Stage 2: Faculty Senate Curriculum Council
Graduate School	PSM in Applied Biotechnology (Program is currently suspended; no new students are being admitted)	Terminate: Graduate Degree Program	Stage 2: Faculty Senate Curriculum Council

College	Program	Proposed Change	Review Stage and Status of Review
Public Health and Human Sciences	Master of Adapted Physical Education (MAPE)	New: Graduate Degree Program	Stage 2: Faculty Senate Curriculum Council
Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences	BS in Geography and Geospatial Science	New: Undergraduate Degree Program	Stage 3: Statewide Provosts' Council

Note: The review by the OSU Board of Trustees comes at the end of Stage 2.

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 strategic plan and unit plans. Ten-year external reviews are also conducted for undergraduate and graduate majors.

The following table summarizes 10-year external reviews completed in 2016, underway, or scheduled. *No changes were noted since the January 19, 2017 report to the committee.*

College	Program	10-Year External Review
Agricultural Sciences	BS in BioResource Research	2016 (completed)
Agricultural Sciences	BS in Crop and Soil Sciences	Fall Term 2016, (underway)
Agricultural Sciences	BS in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences	Scheduled for Winter Term 2017
Agricultural Sciences	MAgr, MS, PhD in Fisheries Science and MAgr, MS, PhD in Wildlife Science	Scheduled for 2017
Agricultural Sciences	BS in Horticulture	Scheduled for Spring Term 2017
Engineering	MEng, MS, PhD in Chemical Engineering	2016 (underway)
Engineering	MS, PhD in Materials Science	Scheduled for 2017
Engineering	MS, MEng, PhD in Mechanical, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering	Scheduled for Winter Term 2017
Engineering	MEng, MS, PhD in Nuclear Engineering , Master of Radiation Health Physics (MHP) , and MA, MS, PhD in Radiation Health Physics	2016 (underway)
Forestry	BS in Natural Resources	2016 (underway)
Honors College	Honors Bachelor of Arts (HBA), HBFA, HBS; Honors Program	2016 (underway)

College	Program	10-Year External Review
Liberal Arts	MFA in Creative Writing	Scheduled for Spring Term 2017
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Economics	Scheduled for Winter Term 2017
Liberal Arts	MA in English	Scheduled for Spring Term 2017
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Ethnic Studies	2016 (underway)
Liberal Arts	BA in French	2016 (underway)
Liberal Arts	BA in German	2016 (underway)
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in History	Scheduled for Winter Term 2017
Liberal Arts	MA, MS, PhD in History of Science	Scheduled for 2017
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Liberal Studies	2016 (underway)
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Philosophy	2016 (underway)
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Psychology	Scheduled for Spring Term 2017
Liberal Arts	BA in Spanish	2016 (underway)
Liberal Arts	BA, BS in Speech Communication	2016 (underway)
Pharmacy	MS, PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences	Scheduled for 2017

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATIONS IN PROGRESS: AY 2016-17 and AY 2017-18

Oregon State University is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), one of six regional accreditation agencies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. OSU was last accredited in 2011, using the previous 10-year accreditation cycle. NWCCU revised their cycle, and OSU is now participating in a 7-year accreditation cycle, which involves reporting every other year on different standards, rather than a single large report submitted once in seven years. The next OSU accreditation site visit by NWCCU is tentatively scheduled to take place during Winter Term 2019. Additional information will be provided to the Board as that review approaches.

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 are shown in the following table. *No changes were noted since the January 19, 2017 report to the committee.*

Unit	Program/Unit and Accrediting Body	Status
Academic Programs		
	No academic program professional accreditations are scheduled for either AY 2016-17 or AY 2017-18	
Administrative Units		
College of Veterinary Medicine	Veterinary Teaching Hospital [American Animal Hospital Association]	Spring Term 2017
College of Veterinary Medicine	Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory [American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians]	December 2018