

The Academic Approval Process at SMU

Type of Change	#	Approvals Required	Timeline for
	Change to program content, with no change to program length or requirements, and a total change of 1% to 20%**	<p style="text-align: center;">Instructional Planning and Effectiveness, Dayna Oscherwitz, to determine if EPC approval is needed</p>	If no EPC approval is required, changes become effective in the next catalog cycle (so the subsequent Fall term; changes will need to be made to the program in the SMU catalog to reflect the changes).
	Change to program content, with no change to program length or requirements, and a [REDACTED]	(for changes totaling 25% to 49% of program content)	<p>At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation.</p> <p>Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.</p>
	Change to program content, with no change to program length or requirements, and a total change of 50% content	<p>EPC Approval</p> <p>Board of Trustees Approval</p> <p>SACSCOC Approval</p>	<p>At least one full academic year prior to planned implementation.</p> <p>Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.</p>
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Modality			
	Request to add online modality to an in-person program	<p>EPC Approval</p> <p>Board of Trustees Approval</p>	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation.

		SACSCOC Notification when 50% or more of the program is delivered online	Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
	Request to add in-person modality to an online academic program	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Notification when 50% or more of the program is delivered in-person	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
Change to Program Length*			
	Change to program length or requirements of less than 25%	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
	Change to program length or requirements of 25% or more	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
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	Any closure of program; approval	EPC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to

	must be received before new enrollment in the program is stopped	Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	planned implementat on. Please consult the EPC meet ng schedule for details about the t meline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
New Academic Program			
	New program with 0% to 49% new content*	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Not ficat on	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementat on. Please consult the EPC meet ng schedule for details about the t meline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
	New Program with 50% or more new content*	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to planned implementat on. Please consult the EPC meet ng schedule for details about the t meline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.

	delivering 25% to 49% of a program	Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Notification	planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
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# Agreements	# agreement with a Title IV eligible school by transcripts credit from as its own and where less than 50% of a through the arrangement	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementat on.

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Competency-Based)			
	Program in which 25% to 49% of credits may earned by competency-based direct assessment	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Notification	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
	Program in which 50% or more credits may earned by competency-based direct assessment	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.

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	Joint academic award with non-SACSCOC @ (s) or es	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to planned implementation.

