

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Academic Compliance Review & Approval Process Matrix – updated Spring 2024

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Type of Action ¹		Internal School Approvals		Faculty Senate			Provost	President	Board of Visitors	SCHEV	SACSCOC ⁶
New Programs & Initiatives		Faculty ²	Dean ³	AAC	Executive Council	Full Faculty Senate					
New Degree Program		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES IF SC
New Dual Degree Program (external partner)		YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	FYI ONLY	NO	YES
New Joint Degree Program (external partner)		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
New Combined Degree Pathway (internal)		YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	MAYBE
New Certificate Program ⁴	Credit	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES IF SC
	Non-Credit	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
New Interdisciplinary Major (A&S)		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
New Minor		YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
New Concentration or Track ⁵		YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO ⁵	NO
New Off-Campus Site		YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	MAYBE	YES
New Academic Department		YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO
New Center or Institute (non-degree)		NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
New Transfer Articulation Agreement		NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	FYI ONLY	NO	YES IF SC
New Branch Campus of UVA		----	----	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

¹ Depending on the nature of the action, additional approvals from the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and/or others may be required. Programs should consult with the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost for additional guidance.

² Faculty approval is subject to governance policies/procedures of sponsoring school and [BOV Policy 006 – Faculty Role in University Governance](#). Examples include dept. faculty, curriculum committees, school-wide faculty bodies, etc.

³ If a proposed action may involve/impact faculty, students, courses and/or academic programs in (an)other UVA school(s), the sponsoring dean should notify and consult with the corresponding dean(s).

⁴ Education Specialist (Ed.S.) and other post-master’s certificate programs are considered new degree programs.

⁵ New concentrations and tracks within licensure-qualifying degree programs require SCHEV approval.

⁶ Substantive Change (SC) is a “significant modification or expansion of the nature and scope of an accredited institution” and requires SACSCOC notification/approval. See <https://ira.virginia.edu/substantive-change> for more information.

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Changes & Closures		Faculty ²	Dean ³	AAC	Executive Council	Full Faculty Senate					
Change CIP Code (Degree/Certificate)		NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO
Change Program Length (Degree/Certificate)		YES	YES	MAYBE	MAYBE	MAYBE	YES	NO	NO	MAYBE	YES IF SC
Change Delivery Format (e.g. add/remove online)		YES	YES	MAYBE	MAYBE	MAYBE	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES IF SC
Change Program Name	<i>Degree Program</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO
	<i>Certificate Program</i>	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO
	<i>Concentration, Minor or Track</i>	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Merge Existing Degree Programs		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Change Dept. Name or Structure	<i>Name of Academic Dept</i>	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO
	<i>Name of Center or Institute</i>	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	MAYBE	NO
	<i>Structural Change</i>	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO
Deliver Additional Program at Existing Off-Campus Site		NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
Change Degree Program Licensure Option(s)		YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO
Closures	<i>Degree Program</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<i>Credit Certificate Program</i>	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
	<i>Non-Credit Certificate Program</i>	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
	<i>Concentration, Minor or Track</i>	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
	<i>Center or Institute</i>	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	FYI ONLY	NO	NO	NO	NO
	<i>Off-Campus Site</i>	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
	<i>Academic Department</i>	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO

See footnotes infra p. 1.