

Academic Affairs ⁽¹⁾

Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs

Program Review

Periodic review of each University of Oregon degree program is essential to maintaining excellence and for effective long-range planning. This review process is a positive approach to academic assessment, promoting each unit's desire to develop and reaffirm its commitment to excellence.

Academic program review is a primary means to maintain and improve program quality. As a result, academic units can realize many benefits from a thorough program review. Some of the most positive outcomes include:

- An examination of the quality and value of the unit's academic programs by the faculty, students, and administrators.
- An evaluation, and perhaps revision, of objectives for the teaching, research, and service missions of the academic program as they relate to the University's academic mission and strategic priorities.
- A clarification of program goals, strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities.
- An improved source of information to help guide decisions on strategic priorities and associated resources.

The Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs has developed a comprehensive [guidance document](https://academicaffairs.uoregon.edu/sites/academicaffairs2.uoregon.edu/files/program_review_booklet_sept_2016_final_09.28.2016.pdf) (https://academicaffairs.uoregon.edu/sites/academicaffairs2.uoregon.edu/files/program_review_booklet_sept_2016_final_09.28.2016.pdf)[PDF] to help lead units through the program review process.

Policy

As delegated by the provost, the senior vice provost for academic affairs is responsible for coordinating the necessary periodic reviews of degree programs, is the main point of contact for programs being reviewed, and has responsibility for oversight and implementation of the program review process.

The university will review each of its programs every ten years (more frequently, if required), and report results to the university community.

Accreditation and Program Review

Accreditation and program review are different. Accreditation, an external review process, typically measures minimum standards of performance, while program review, an internal process, focuses on identifying goals and objectives and assisting a program to reach its greatest potential. Because these reviews respond to different questions and concerns, an accreditation self-study may comprise part but not all of a program review self-study.

Program Review Schedule

2015-16

- CAS - Humanities, Humanities Program
- CAS - Humanities, Cinema Studies Program, (5-year)
- CAS - Humanities, Judaic Studies Program
- CAS - Humanities, Department of Religious Studies, last reviewed: 1996-97
- CAS - Natural Sciences, Department of Psychology, last reviewed: 2000-01
- CAS - Social Sciences, General Social Science Program, (5-year)
- CAS - Social Sciences, Department of International Studies, last reviewed: 2006-07
- CAS - Social Sciences, Latin American Studies Program, (5-year)
- Clark Honors College, last reviewed: 1998-99
- COE - Department of Counseling Psychology and Human Services, last reviewed: PhD: 2011; 1993-94; 1998 (Couples and Family Therapy, Fifth-year Review)
- Law School - Conflict and Dispute Resolution Master's Program
- UO Courses for High School Students, (2-year)

2016-17

- CAS - Natural Sciences, General Science Program
- CAS - Social Sciences, Department of Anthropology, last reviewed: 2005-06
- CAS - Social Science, Department of History, last reviewed 2006-07
- CAS - Social Sciences, Department of Sociology, last reviewed: 2005-06
- COE - Department of Education Studies
- Graduate School - Applied Information Management
- LCB - last reviewed: 1991-92
- SOJC

2017-18

- AAA - Product Design Program
- CAS - Humanities, Comparative Literature Program, last reviewed: 2007-08
- CAS - Humanities, Department of English, last reviewed: 2007-08
- CAS - Humanities, Department of Philosophy, last reviewed: 2007-08
- CAS - Social Sciences, Department of Economics, last reviewed: 2005-06
- CAS - Social Sciences, Department of Geography, last reviewed: 2006-07
- JSMA

2018-19

- CAS - Humanities, Creative Writing Program, last reviewed: 2007-08
- CAS - Humanities, Department of Linguistics
- CAS - Humanities, Medieval Studies Program
- CAS - Social Sciences, Asian Studies Program
- CAS - Social Sciences, Department of Political Science, last reviewed: 2005-06

If you have questions about program review, please contact academicaffairs@uoregon.edu (<mailto:academicaffairs@uoregon.edu>).

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