

<b>Policy Number</b>	116.001
<b>Policy Title</b>	ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVAL POLICY
<b>Responsible Officers</b>	Provost
<b>Responsible Offices</b>	Office of the Provost
<b>Summary</b>	This policy outlines the appropriate steps for the review, approval, and development of new degree programs.
<b>Definitions</b>	Academic Programs: Offered courses of study leading to conferral of a degree or other credential. . (Undergraduate majors as part of a BA or BS are considered academic programs; undergraduate minors are not.) A <i>new</i> academic program

**Rationale**

The program approval policy was developed to provide a reasonable and effective method of program development, consideration, and approval. University procedures provide mechanisms for ensuring that consistent and coordinated decisions are made concerning program development and resource allocation. The underlying principle that informs the entire program approval process is that academic decisions at a university are best made in a collegial fashion, with full and open discussion among all relevant parties at the departmental, college/school, campus, and university levels. The final responsibility