

11.10 Academic Program Requests

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Policy Statement

Academic program requests from academic institutions of The Texas A&M University System (system) should be guided by principles and standards set forth by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (coordinating board).

Reason for Policy

Academic program requests require Board of Regents (system board) or board designee approval. Program design, implementation, modification and delivery must follow coordinating board principles and standards for approval.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Academic program requests shall be guided by principles and standards set forth by the coordinating board in Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Part 1, Chapters 4 and 5.

- 1.1 **Mission.** University degree and certificate programs must be consistent with the mission statement and table of programs authorized by the system board and the coordinating board. This principle also pertains to how programs are designed and delivered.
- 1.2 **Quality.** University degree and certificate programs must be of high quality as determined by the standards set forth by the coordinating board and accrediting agencies in regards to faculty, curriculum, facilities and library resources.
- 1.3 **Resources.** Academic programs and organization shall have adequate resources to offer quality programs and represent an efficient use of financial resources. New programs should not be initiated that reduce resources for existing programs. Program choice, design, implementation and delivery must be cost effective. Administrative structure shall be kept low to ensure that most of the funds appropriated for higher education go toward the costs of instruction.

2. PREPARATION, SYSTEM REVIEW AND APPROVAL

- 2.1 System academic institutions are required to follow coordinating board rules in the development of academic program requests and system procedures in the submission of these requests to the system board. System procedures can be found on the Office of Academic Affairs website.
- 2.2 Upon approval by the system board or board designee, requests will be submitted by the Office of Academic Affairs to the coordinating board for review and appropriate action.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[19 Tex. Admin. Code Part 1, Ch. 4 and Ch. 5](#)

[Office of Academic Affairs Approval Process](#)

Prior to September 3, 2015, this policy was published as Regulation *03.02.02, Approval Procedures for Degree Programs, Administrative Changes, etc.*

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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