

California State University, Stanislaus
Office of Academic Programs

Procedure for Submitting Proposals for New Degree Major Programs

◀Fast Track▶

An implementation proposal for a new degree program that is not already projected on the CSU Academic Master Plan may be submitted if it meets the criteria for "fast track," as follows.

A program can be placed on the fast track only if

- a) it can be offered at a high level of quality by the campus within the campus's existing resource base, or there is a demonstrated capacity to fund the program on a self-support basis;
- b) it is not subject to specialized accreditation by an agency that is a member of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors, or it is currently offered as an option or concentration that is already recognized and accredited by an appropriate specialized accrediting agency;
- c) it can be adequately housed without a major capital outlay project;
- d) it is consistent with all existing state and federal law and trustee policy;
- e) it is a bachelor's or master's degree program;
- f) the program has been subject to a thorough campus review and approval process.

The "fast track" option allows a new degree program to be implemented within a year of its inception if the following timeline is met:

- Fast track proposals that are submitted to the Chancellor's Office by the first Monday in January and which raise no major issues can be acted on by the Board of Trustees in March and receive full approval in July.
- Fast track proposals that are submitted to the Chancellor's Office by the second Monday in June and which raise no major issues can be acted on by the Board of Trustees in September and receive full approval in December.

If the above criteria are met, please complete the document titled *Template for Submitting Proposals for New Degree Major Programs* (**E**).

Approval Procedure

Please follow the *Approval Timeline for New Degree Programs* (**M**).