



California State University, Stanislaus
Office of Academic Programs

**TIMELINE FOR NEW DEGREE MAJOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS
FOR FALL 2017 IMPLEMENTATION**

FOR JANUARY TRANSMITTAL TO THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

Introduction: This timeline is a general guide for new program development. The time required to secure program approvals at various levels is difficult to predict and is dependent upon the scheduling of the meetings of the various governance committees, the length of time for review within each committee, and the clarity and specificity of the program proposal itself.

Title of New Degree Program

2015/16	TARGET DATE	ACTIVITY	✓
	Fall 2015		
	September 2015	Department discusses proposed program with dean and appropriate college committee and seeks approval for continued planning	
		Department consults with other departments that may have interest in the proposed program	
	October 2015	Department writes draft proposal and new and/or modified course proposals	
		Department provides to Institutional Research a list of possible occupations	
		Department provides to Institutional Research a list of prospective employers in the region (or state)	
		Department provides to Institutional Research a list of high school students, CSU Stanislaus students, programs at community colleges likely to have students interested in the proposed major, and a list of working professionals (or agencies where working professionals work) – if wish IR to conduct survey	
		Department reviews and edits sample surveys	
	Spring 2016		
	January 2016	AVPAA conducts workshop on New Academic Program Development	
		Institutional Research administers surveys and collects workforce and job market demand analyses and provides to department	
		Department continues to write draft proposal and new and/or modified course proposals	
	February 2016	Institutional Research provides data analysis from formal surveys and labor statistics to support student demand and employment opportunities.	
		Department submits draft proposal to college dean	
		Department provides to college dean a list of external reviewers and dean transmits to external reviewers	
	March 2016	Department finalizes draft proposal and new and/or modified course proposals and approves program proposal	
		External reviewers comments are received and draft proposal revised	
	April/May 2016	College curriculum committee and dean approval program	

2016/17	TARGET DATE	ACTIVITY	✓
	Fall 2016	Campus approval	
	September 2016	University Educational Policies Committee – first reading (undergraduate)	
		Graduate Council – first reading (graduate program)	
		Consultation with other appropriate university committees	
	October 2016	University Educational Policies Committee – second reading (undergraduate)	
		Graduate Council – second reading (graduate program) (if needed)	
		Senate Executive Committee	
	November 2016	Academic Senate – first reading	
		Academic Senate – second reading	
	December 2016	Office of Academic Programs prepares final proposal	
	Early January 2017	AVPAA transmits to Chancellor's Office	
	Spring 2017	Chancellor's Office approval	
	2 nd week in March 2017	CSU Board of Trustees review proposal	
	June 2017	California Postsecondary Education Commission provides review and commentary	
	July 2017	Chancellor's Office provides approval	
	Variable	WASC provides approval (if required)	
	Variable	Disciplinary accreditation approval (if required)*	
	September 2017	Program is implemented	

*If a professional accrediting agency governs the offering of new programs in the specific discipline, the campus may seek disciplinary accreditation simultaneously with, or after, WASC accreditation as required by the agency.