

New Degree Programs

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Occurrences of requested revisions before or during approval at any stage will often require an adjustment to projected future reviews and timeline.*

All items uploaded in CIM for Programs to initiate OUR and OIE/OAA Review	All revisions complete and resubmitted; Ready for Curriculum Committee	Undergraduate/ Graduate Curriculum Committee (UG/GR CC) Review for <u>Initial</u> Approval (NPP)	After Initial Approval, UG/GR CC Review for <u>Final</u> Approval (Full Proposal^)	Undergraduate/ Graduate Council Review and Approval	UA System Board of Trustees <u>Initial</u> <i>(Two months' notice required for new program proposals.)</i>	Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) <i>(Three months' notice required for new program proposals.)</i>	UA System Board of Trustees <u>Final</u>	Earliest Implementation*
Jul 1, 2026	Aug 1, 2026	Aug 2026	Sept 2026	Nov 2026	Feb 2027	Jun 2027	Jun/Sept 2027	Fall 2028
Aug 1, 2026	Sept 1, 2026	Sept 2026	Oct 2026					
Sept 1, 2026	Oct 1, 2026	Oct 2026	Nov 2026	Feb 2027	Apr 2027	Sept 2027	Sept 2027	
Oct 1, 2026	Nov 1, 2026	Nov 2026	Dec 2026					
Nov 1, 2026	Dec 1, 2026	Dec 2026	Jan 2027	Apr 2027	Jun 2027	Sept 2027	Sept 2027	
Dec 1, 2026	Jan 1, 2027	Jan 2027	Feb 2027					
Jan 1, 2027	Feb 1, 2027	Feb 2027	Mar 2027	Sept 2027	Nov 2027	Mar 2028	Apr 2028	
Feb 1, 2027	Mar 1, 2027	Mar 2027	Apr 2027					
Mar 1, 2027	Apr 1, 2027	Apr 2027	Aug 2027	Nov 2027	Feb 2028	Jun 2028	Jun/Sept 2028	Fall 2029
Apr 1, 2027	May 1, 2027	Aug 2027	Sept 2027					
May 1, 2027	Jun 1, 2027							

[^] A Full Proposal includes all applicable forms, letters of support (Dean, OTIDE, collaborating departments, etc.), and planning documents.
Once the Full Proposal is received, the packet is shared with the Chair and entered into the queue for placement on the next available meeting agenda.

A full list of required documents and more information can be found at: <https://oie.ua.edu/new-programs-changes/academic-degree-program-approvals-changes>

* Implementation date depends on admissions/catalog deadlines, type of change, and if SACSCOC approval/notification is required.

All program changes are implemented in a **Fall** term to align with publication of the catalog, which is effective each Fall.

Other important considerations: Program title and name changes may take longer to implement due to timing of admissions.

Changes to programs must reach final approval in CIM for Programs **prior** to the opening of the admissions application for the Fall term in which the change is effective. The admissions cycle generally opens 15-18 months prior to the Fall semester start. For questions regarding the timeline for implementation of a specific change, please email schedule@ua.edu.

All programs, minors, concentrations, or certificates being **inactivated** must be submitted in CIM for Programs and may also be impacted by the timing of admissions.

New Certificate Programs and Concentrations

This chart represents the shortest duration of the proposal review and approval process timeline for new certificate programs and concentrations. Occurrences of requested revisions before or during approval at any stage will often require an adjustment to projected future reviews and timeline.

All items uploaded in CIM for Programs to initiate OUR and OIE/OAA Review	All revisions complete and resubmitted; Ready for Curriculum Committee	Undergraduate/ Graduate Curriculum Committee (UG/GR CC) Review and Approval of Full Proposal^	Undergraduate/ Graduate Council Review and Approval	UA System Board of Trustees <i>(Information items require one month's notice.)</i>	Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) <i>(Information items require two months' notice.)</i>	Earliest Implementation*
Jul 1, 2026	Aug 1, 2026	Aug 2026	Sept 2026	Nov 2026	Mar 2027	Fall 2027
Aug 1, 2026	Sept 1, 2026	Sept 2026	Nov 2026	Feb 2027	Jun 2027	Fall 2027†/ Fall 2028
Sept 1, 2026	Oct 1, 2026	Oct 2026				
Oct 1, 2026	Nov 1, 2026	Nov 2026	Feb 2027	Apr 2027		
Nov 1, 2026	Dec 1, 2026	Dec 2026				
Dec 1, 2026	Jan 1, 2027	Jan 2027				
Jan 1, 2027	Feb 1, 2027	Feb 2027	Apr 2027	Jun 2027	Sept 2027	Fall 2028
Feb 1, 2027	Mar 1, 2027	Mar 2027				
Mar 1, 2027	Apr 1, 2027	Apr 2027	Sept 2027	Nov 2027	Mar 2028	
Apr 1, 2027	May 1, 2027	Aug 2027				
May 1, 2027	Jun 1, 2027					

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All program changes are implemented in a **Fall** term to align with publication of the catalog, which is effective each Fall.

† Some certificates and concentrations which receive ACHE approval in June may be eligible for implementation in Fall term of the same calendar year.

Other important considerations: Program title and name changes may take longer to implement due to timing of admissions.

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