Approval of New Graduate Programs and Changes to Existing Graduate Programs #380.003

**INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 2012  
**LAST REVISION DATE:** April 6, 2021  
**RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT**  
The University Graduate School

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The University's internal approval process for new graduate programs proceeds in the following order:

- Department/program curriculum committee
- Program faculty
- Department/program chairperson
- All chairpersons of department whose faculty are participating in a new graduate program
- College or school curriculum committee and/or graduate council
- Dean of the appropriate school or college
- University Graduate Council and University Curriculum Committee
- Faculty Senate
- Dean of the University Graduate School
- Provost
- President
- University Board of Trustees

Changes to existing graduate programs and curricula require approval as stipulated by the Faculty Senate, followed by the Dean of the University Graduate School and the Provost.

**SCOPE**

University Community (faculty, graduate students and University Graduate School administration)

**REASON FOR POLICY**

New graduate programs require approval by the Faculty Senate, the administration, the University Board of Trustees and the State Board of Governors as set forth in the guidelines provided by University policies and those of the State University System.
DEFINITIONS

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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each unit or administrator listed will review and approve proposals for new graduate degrees according to their processes.

RELATED RESOURCES

N/A

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