

Old Dominion University Teaching and Research Faculty Handbook

Policies and Procedures for Academic Degree Program Approval

The policies and procedures for program approval are established by the [State Council of Higher Education for Virginia \(SCHEV\)](#) as part of its effort "to **advocate for and** promote the development and operation of an educationally and economically sound, vigorous, progressive, and coordinated system of higher education in the state of Virginia" (Code of Virginia [§ 23.1-200\(A\)](#)). These policies and procedures are intended to provide a systematic process for planning and initiating new academic programs.

Details regarding program proposals and procedures for review are contained in the Undergraduate and Graduate Curriculum Development and Change Policies and Procedures Manuals, which are available on the University's website at www.odu.edu/acadaffairs/faculty-resources or from the vice provost for academic affairs.

Approved by the provost and vice president for academic affairs
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To **advocate** and promote the development of an educationally and economically sound, vigorous, progressive and coordinated system of higher education in Virginia. Available here:
<https://www.schev.edu/about/overview>

From section A of [§ 23.1-200](#) of the Code of VA:

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia is established to **advocate for** and promote the development **and operation** of an educationally and economically sound, vigorous, progressive, and coordinated system of higher education.

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<https://www.schev.edu/institutions/policies-guidelines/academic-affairs-policy/approval-of-program-actions-at-public-institutions>