

Type of Change	Specific Change	Approvals Required	Timeline for Approvals
Modification / Change to an Existing Academic Program*			
	Change to program content, with no change to program length and a total change of 1% to 20%** of existing content	Consult with Academic Associate Dean, SMU Registrar, Bobby Lothringer, or Associate Provost for Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, Dayna Oscherwitz, to determine if EPC approval is needed	If no EPC approval is required, changes become effective in the next catalog cycle (so the subsequent Fall term; changes will need to be made to the program in the SMU catalog to reflect the changes).
	Change to program content, with no change to program length and a total change of 21% to 49%* of existing content	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Notification (for changes totaling 25% to 49% of program content)	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
	Change to program content, with no change to program length and a total change of 50% or more of existing content	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.

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Change in Instructional Modality			
	Request to add online modality to an in-person program	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Notification when 50% or more of the program is delivered online	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
	Request to add in-person modality to an online academic program	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Notification when 50% or more of the program is delivered in-person	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
Change to Program Length*			
	Change to program length of less than 25%	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the

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	Change to program length of 25% or more	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
Closure/Discontinuance of an Existing Program			
	Any closure of discontinuance of a program; approval must be received before new enrollment in the program is stopped	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
New Academic Program			
	New program with 0% to 49% new content*	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation.

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	New Program with 50% or more new content*	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
New Off-Campus Instructional Site			
	New off-campus instructional site delivering less than 25% of a program	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
	New off-campus instructional site delivering 25% to 49% of a program	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation.

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Closure of an Off-Campus Instructional Site			
	Closure of an off-campus instructional site	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
Relocation of an Off-Campus Instructional Site (within the same geographical area)			

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	Relocation of an off-campus instructional site (within the same geographical area)	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Notification	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
Cooperative Academic Agreements			
	Cooperative academic agreement with a Title IV eligible school or entity, where SMU transcripts credit from the partner institution as its own and where less than 50% of a program is offered through the cooperative arrangement	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
	Cooperative academic agreement with a Title-IV eligible school or entity, where SMU transcripts credit from the partner institution as its own and where 50% or more of a program is offered through the cooperative arrangement	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Notification	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the

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	Cooperative academic agreement with a NON Title-IV eligible school or entity, where SMU transcripts credit from the partner institution as its own and where 25% or less of a program is offered through the cooperative arrangement	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Notification	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
	Cooperative academic agreement with a NON Title-IV eligible school or entity, where SMU transcripts credit from the partner institution as its own and where 25% to 50% of a program is offered through the cooperative arrangement	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
Competency-Based Direct Assessment			
	Program in which 25% to 49% of credits may earned by competency-based direct assessment	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation.

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	Program in which 50% or more credits may earned by competency-based direct assessment	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.
Program Designed for Prior Learning			
	Initiating a program that requires students to demonstrate prior learning as a condition of admission	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Notification	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Notification
Dual Academic Award***			
	Joint academic award with SACSCOC institution(s)	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval	At least one full academic term prior to planned implementation.

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	Joint academic award with non-SACSCOC Institution(s) or entities	EPC Approval Board of Trustees Approval SACSCOC Approval	At least one full academic year prior to planned implementation. Please consult the EPC meeting schedule for details about the timeline for EPC and Board of Trustees Approval.