

**New Programs and Program Changes which require Review by the Undergraduate
Program Review Committee (UPRC) or Graduate Program Review Committee (GPRC)**

1. A program of study leading to a new degree.*
2. A substantial change in an undergraduate or graduate degree program, a minor or a certificate program. **

* A "program" is any university-approved academic course of study leading to a bachelor's, master's, doctoral or specialist degree, or any minor concentration or certificate-granting course of study. All such programs will ordinarily appear in the cycle of listings for Program Review by one of the Program Review Committees reporting to the MFA.

**A "substantial change" in a program normally refers to a change in curriculum that has ramifications beyond the program itself. Such ramifications might be felt if a program changes its focus or adds a new area of concentration (e.g., if the Psychology Department were to become a Health Psychology Department, it would then compete with the College of Health Professions). Other examples of a substantial change include the move of a program from one college or school to another or a change in a program within a unit which removes that unit's ability to fulfill a necessary element of the Core Curriculum.

Fundamentally, any change that is not reasonably amenable to resolution within a particular academic unit and/or negatively impacts the functioning and/or decision-making authority of a different school or college shall be subject to MFA program review.

When the matter is in doubt, however, the sense of the Assembly is to err on the side of caution and have the appropriate Program Review Committee decide whether or not a change is a substantial change. If the decision is affirmative, the Program Review Committee would proceed with a review of the program in question and send its recommendations forward to the MFA in the normal manner.

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