

Board of Regents
University System of Georgia
Summary of Changes in Program Approval Processes
October 2010

APPROVAL TYPE	CURRENT PROCESS	NEW PROCESS
Minors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) System Office (SO) notification for most minors 2) Administrative approval in an area for which the institution does not offer major 3) Administrative approval for institutional guidelines for minors 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) System Office (SO) notification only for all new minors (regardless of whether the institution offers a major in the discipline area) 2) No approval required for institutional guidelines 3) The Office of Academic Programs will track and list minors on its website
Certificates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) If embedded in a degree program notification only 2) Stand-alone program requires administrative approval 3) Changes in name, track, etc. require administrative approval 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) SO notification only for all new stand-alone certificates 2) SO notification when changes are made 3) The Office of Academic Programs will coordinate the listing of certificate programs in our Degrees & Majors inventory 4) Embedded certificates do not require SO notification and are not listed in our Degrees & Majors inventory
Dual Degrees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All dual degrees, both within a single institution and between institutions, are brought to the Board for approval 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Adopt SACS definition of dual degrees as defined in the SACS Policy on Collaborative Academic Arrangements (June, 2010) 2) All dual degrees sent as notification only to SO two weeks prior to implementation 3) For dual degrees between institutions, only a copy of the documentation required by SACS is submitted to SO
Joint Degrees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All joint degrees brought to the Board for approval 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Adopt SACS definitions of joint degrees as defined in the SACS Policy on Collaborative Academic Arrangements (June, 2010) 2) When partner institution(s) is/are SACS accredited or accredited by a USDE – recognized accreditor sent as notification only to SO prior to implementation 3) If partner institution is not SACS accredited or accredited by a USDE-recognized accreditor then SO administrative approval is required
External, off-campus location designated as a campus, center, a consortium for face-to-face instruction	BOR Approval through Committee on Academic Affairs	BOR Approval through Committee on Academic Affairs

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External offering of 50% or more of an existing BOR approved program at a BOR approved campus, center, or consortium	BOR approval through Committee on Academic Affairs	SO administrative approval prior to implementation
External offering of 50% or more of an existing BOR approved program at a contractual site (e.g., school, business, etc.)	BOR approval through Committee on Academic Affairs	SO administrative approval prior to implementation
Initial offering of 50% or more of an degree program via distance learning	BOR approval through Committee on Academic Affairs	BOR approval through Committee on Academic Affairs
After an institution is approved to offer programs via distance learning the offering of additional BOR-approved existing programs 50% or more via distance learning that does not require SACS approval of a substantive change	BOR approval through Committee on Academic Affairs	SO notification to our office prior to implementation
New Program, regardless of delivery	BOR approval through Committee on Academic Affairs	BOR approval through Committee on Academic Affairs
Substantive Change of any type	BOR approval through Committee on Academic Affairs	BOR approval through Committee on Academic Affairs