

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS

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Supplements System Policy 03.02 and System Regulation 03.02.02
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1. A new academic degree program may be implemented at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi following approval by the appropriate University groups, The Texas A&M University System, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
2. System Regulation 03.02.02 explains the System's approval procedures for new and revised degree programs. For more detailed instructions, see the System's *Standard Operating Procedures* relating to the development and submission of academic proposals to The Texas A&M University System and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. This publication is available in the offices of the academic deans and the Provost.
3. Requests for new academic degree programs will be developed according to the rules of the Coordinating Board. Proposals for baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degree programs must meet specific criteria set by the Coordinating Board. The Coordinating Board provides information on the requirements through the following Web sites:
<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/UHRI> (Select *University Policies and Procedures*)
[http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/CBrules/readtac\\$extdb09.html](http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/CBrules/readtac$extdb09.html)
4. Proposal requests for new degree programs are of two types: substantive and nonsubstantive. Any request that does not meet the Coordinating Board criteria for a nonsubstantive request must be submitted as a substantive request.
5. All requests, both substantive and nonsubstantive, must be approved through the faculty curriculum review process of the relevant college and by the dean of the college. Subsequent approval must be obtained from the Provost's Council, the Faculty Senate, the Provost, and the President. Proposal requests for new graduate degree programs must be reviewed and approved by the Graduate Council before they are submitted to the Provost's Council for approval. Each degree proposal should be accompanied by a form requesting University approval of the program. Forms are available in the offices of the academic deans and the Provost.
6. Following University approval, the President will submit proposal requests to the System, in accordance with the procedures specified in System Regulation 03.02.02 and the System's *Standard Operating Procedures*.
7. Following approval by the System, the President will submit requests for proposed degree programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval. A letter certifying adequacy of funding will accompany each request.

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