

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS HANDBOOK

Procedural guide for implementing BoR policies related to Academic Affairs

Section 2.0: Academic Programs

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[BoR POLICY MANUAL 3, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS \(/policymanual/section3/\)](#)

Introduction

Academic programs of the USG are administered under broad Board policies that grant considerable authority and responsibility to the presidents and faculty of USG institutions. However, some actions require administrative authorization or approval by the Board of Regents, the Chancellor, or a University System Office. See [Reference for Types of Approval and Notification of Academic and Related Matters \(/academic_programs/information/reference_for_types_of_approval_and_notification_of_aca](#) for types of approvals and notifications needed for various actions.

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