

# University Process

OSU's Office of Academic Programs, Assessment, and Accreditation facilitates approval of new academic programs.

1. Starting in January 2012, we attempted a Category I Proposal
  - a) The proposal included an executive summary, the proposal form, a budget and external letters of support.
  - b) The proposal was sent out to liaisons for comments in campus units that could be affected by the program. Liaison comments and our committee's responses were included in the final proposal.
  - c) The review process for a Category I Proposal has 10 steps and goes all the way to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education
2. In February 2012 we switched to an Category I Abbreviated Proposal
  - a) Our program did not fit into an existing category, so it was decided an abbreviated proposal was more appropriate.
  - b) The proposal did not make it past the Faculty Senate Curriculum Council because of concerns on-line students would have an opportunity that on-campus students did not have (a second bachelor's degree), and that the degree was not equivalent to a regular CS degree (there were particular concerns about the math requirement).
3. Solution Found! Submitted at a Category II Proposal
  - a) Rather than make the Online degree program separate, we created a new option within the existing CS degree. The course plan was reworked to make the core courses consistent across the degree options.