



## Campus Administrative Policy

### Policy Title: Degree Program Review

Policy Number: 1000A

Functional Area: Academic & Faculty Affairs

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Applies to: CU Anschutz

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#### A. Introduction

[Regent Policy 4.B.1: Academic Program Review](#) and [University of Colorado System Administrative Policy Statement \(APS\) 1019: Degree Program Review](#) require that all degree programs are reviewed at least once every seven years (with allowable exceptions to align with program accreditation). Additionally, these policies require annual reports to the Board of Regents.

The goal of degree program review is to maintain high-quality degree programs by identifying strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement. In addition, the campus views program review as a mechanism to allow faculty to hold each other accountable for quality and performance of academic programs and for the responsible use of resources.

#### B. Policy Statement

1. As required by APS 1019, the program review process must identify the strengths and weaknesses of a degree program, as well as goals and plans for the next review period. Goals and plans must be approved by the dean, provost, and chancellor.

2. A summary report for each degree program reviewed during an academic year will be submitted to the CU System Office of Academic Affairs by the end of that academic year.
3. A program review schedule will be maintained by the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs (EVC-ASA).

## **C. Procedures**

### **1. Review Procedures for Accredited Programs**

- a. Programs subject to review by a specialized accreditor are not required to undergo an additional review process by the university if the information prepared for their accreditation review, together with the report prepared by the review team, adequately address the requirements of APS 1019 and this campus policy.
- b. The dean or their designee will work with the Office of the EVC-ASA to prepare a summary report for submission to the CU System (see section D). This report will typically be submitted in the academic year following the accreditation review.

### **2. Review Procedures for Programs Not Subject to Specialized Accreditation**

- a. Programs that are not reviewed by a specialized accreditor will be reviewed by the Graduate School.
- b. The Graduate School will coordinate with the Office of the EVC-ASA to determine the review schedule and notify the program in the academic year prior to their upcoming review.
- c. The Graduate School will prepare a report that includes the information required by the CU System office (see section D) and forward it to the Office of the EVC-ASA.

### **3. Data Reporting**

- a. To ensure consistency in data reporting, the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness will provide the enrollment and completion data required as part of the report to the CU System Office (see section D).
- b. Additional data may be considered by those participating in the program review, but it will not be included in the summary report.

## **D. Program Review Summary Reports**

1. Consistent with APS 1019, the Office of the EVC-ASA is required to submit a summary report of each degree program review completed in the academic year to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for the CU System. These reports are then provided to the CU President and Board of Regents. They are public documents.
2. The summary report should be approximately one to two pages and must include:
  - a. A brief narrative overview or description of the degree program.
  - b. Approved goals and plans from the last review.
  - c. Performance relative to the goals and plans and any appropriate narrative.
  - d. Approved goals and plans for the next review period.
  - e. A data table with enrollment and degree completions for each year of the review period. These data will be provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (see section C.3).

## **Notes**

1. History:
  - Adopted August 28, 2018; replacing 1000, Academic Program Review, dated 1 July 2010.
  - March 17, 2026: Policy 1000 was recast into separate policies for Denver (1000D) and Anschutz (1000A). 1000A was further revised to align with changes to APS 1019 and update campus procedures.
2. Cross References/Appendix:
  - [APS 1019: Degree Program Review](#)
  - [Regent Policy 4B.1: Academic Program Review](#)
3. Responsible Office
  - Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs