
(1) In order to ensure that new academic programs implemented by a state university are of the highest quality, are aligned with the goals of the university and the Board of Governors, and meet the needs of the citizens of Florida, the following criteria and guidelines for new academic program authorization are established.

(2) Definitions - Within the context of these regulations academic programs are defined as follows:

(a) Degree Program – An organized curriculum leading to a college degree in an area of study recognized as an academic discipline by the higher education community, as demonstrated by assignment of a Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code by the National Center for Educational Statistics, or as demonstrated by similar programs existing at other colleges and universities, and having designated faculty and instructional resources. Each degree program will be assigned a CIP code and included in the State University System Academic Degree Program Inventory.

(b) Program Major – An organized curriculum offered as a major area of study that is part of an existing or proposed degree program and does not constitute sufficient distinct coursework, faculty, and instructional resources to be considered a separate degree program. A Program Major must be reasonably associated with the degree program under which it is offered and share common core or prerequisite courses with other majors within the same degree program. A Program Major will not be assigned a CIP Code, will not be included in the