

University of California Universitywide Review Process for Establishing Graduate Degree Programs

As detailed in the [Compendium: Universitywide Review Processes for Academic Programs, Academic Units, & Research Units](#), the establishment of new graduate degree programs includes:

Steps 1 & 2: Upon approval by the Divisional Senate and campus administration, the Chancellor sends all required degree program proposal material to UCOP for review by the UC Provost, the Academic Council Chair, CCGA Chair, and CCGA staff.

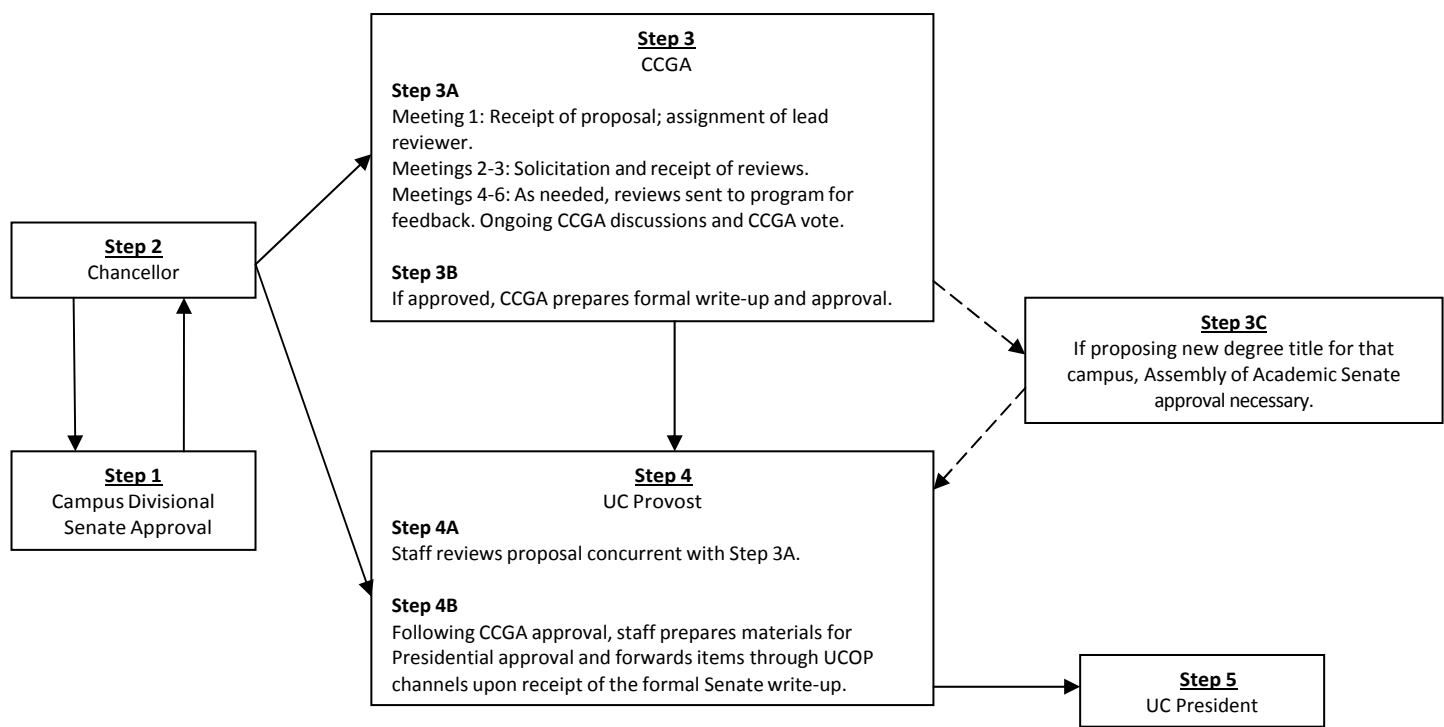
Step 3A: CCGA carries out its review, which includes: full committee discussion; dialogue with program proponents to clarify issues and modify the proposal; conversation with campus administration, if necessary; proposal review by disciplinary experts; and, in rare cases, a site visit by the CCGA lead reviewer. Review of a new graduate degree program proposal by CCGA may take up a full academic year.

Step 3B: If CCGA recommends approval of the proposed graduate degree program, the CCGA Chair transmits the committee's approval and final report to the UC Provost with copies to the Academic Council Chair, CCGA, CCGA staff, the Divisional Chair, the campus Graduate Dean, and program proponents.

Step 3C: If the program establishes a new degree title, the Assembly of the Academic Senate needs to approve the proposed new degree title. Per Senate Bylaw 125.B.7, the Academic Council may do so if the Assembly is not scheduled to meet within 30 days. This step typically adds several weeks to the process.

Step 4: If the program is approved by the Senate, the UC Provost recommends to the President that the proposed graduate degree program be approved.

Step 5: After the President approves the proposed graduate degree program, the UC Provost notifies the campus and CCGA by e-mail of the approval, sending a copy of the President's approval letter to the campus and the Divisional Chair.



Proposers should keep in mind that it can take up to one calendar year to decide on a proposal to establish a graduate degree-granting program:¹

Action Step		Estimated duration
CCGA review	Review by the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) begins with full committee discussion and assignment of a lead reviewer.	2 months
	Solicitation and receipt of reviews by disciplinary experts and dialogue with program proponents to clarify issues and modify the proposal. For self-supporting programs, solicitation and receipt of review by the University Committee on Planning & Budget is also required.	6 months
	Proposal is further discussed by full committee and voted upon.	1 month
CCGA approval	If CCGA recommends approval, the CCGA Chair transmits the committee's approval and final report to the UC Provost with copies to the Academic Council Chair, CCGA, CCGA staff, the Divisional Chair, the campus Graduate Dean, and program proponents.	1 month
Senate approval	If the program establishes a new degree title, the Assembly of the Academic Senate needs to approve the proposed new degree title. Per Senate Bylaw 125.B.7, the Academic Council may do so if the Assembly is not scheduled to meet within 30 days.	1 month
Administrative approval	If the program is approved by the Senate, the UC Provost recommends to the President that the proposed graduate degree program be approved.	3 weeks
	After the President approves the proposed graduate degree program, the UC Provost notifies the campus and CCGA by e-mail of the approval, sending a copy of the President's approval letter to the campus and the Divisional Chair.	

More details about the CCGA review and approval process can be found in the [Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs Handbook](#).

¹ The amount of time a proposal takes to be approved can vary widely. Generally, proposals that require additional committee review, such as proposals to establish self-supporting programs, and those that require substantial addition/revision as a result of incomplete/unclear proposals take more time than others.

Academic Year 2018-19

Academic programs/units currently under review as of June 5, 2019

Campus	Name of Program or Unit	Degree	Campus transmittal letter date	First date as CCGA agenda item	Action Requested	Current Status
Los Angeles	Applied Geospatial Information Systems and Technologies	Master	5/14/19	6/5/19	Establishment	Step 3A: Discussed at 6/5/19 CCGA meeting.
Santa Barbara	Environmental Data Science	Master	4/30/19	6/5/19	Establishment	Step 3A: Discussed at 6/5/19 CCGA meeting.
Irvine	Global Studies	Ph.D.	3/26/19	5/1/19	Establishment	Step 3A: Discussed at 6/5/19 CCGA meeting.
Irvine	English	Master	3/21/19	4/3/19	Establishment	Step 3A: Discussed at 6/5/19 CCGA meeting.
Santa Cruz	Human Computer Interaction	M.S.	3/20/19	4/3/19	Establishment	Step 3A: Discussed at 6/5/19 CCGA meeting.
Davis	Future Undergraduate Science Educators	Certificate	3/18/19	4/3/19	Establishment	Step 3A: Discussed at 6/5/19 CCGA meeting.
San Diego	School of Public Health		2/15/19	3/6/19	Establishment	Step 3A: Approved at 6/5/19 CCGA meeting.
Irvine	Data Science	Master	2/11/19	3/6/19	Establishment	Step 3A: Discussed at 6/5/19 CCGA meeting.
Los Angeles	Legal Studies	Master	12/5/18	1/9/19	Establishment	Step 3A: Approved at 6/5/19 CCGA meeting.
San Francisco	Genetic Counseling	M.S.		1/9/19	Establishment	Step 3A: Approved at 6/5/19 CCGA meeting.
Santa Cruz	Environmental Art and Social Practice	M.F.A.	7/16/18	8/15/18	Establishment	Step 3A: Discussed at 6/5/19 CCGA meeting.

Irvine	Presentation Design	Master	7/2/18	8/15/18	Establishment	Step 3A: Discussed at 6/5/19 CCGA meeting.
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Academic programs/units approved during Academic Year 2018-19

Campus	Name of Program or Unit	Degree	Campus transmittal letter date	Date of CCGA approval	Action Requested	Final Status
Berkeley	Design	Master	1/2/19	5/1/19	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 5/10/19. Academic Council approval letter issued 5/23/19. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 6/4/19.
Irvine	Language Science	Ph.D.	7/3/18	4/3/19	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 5/13/19. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 6/11/19.
Davis	Business Administration (online)	Master	8/15/18	4/3/19	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 4/26/19. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 4/26/19.
Riverside	Entomology	B.S./M.S.	6/7/18	4/3/19	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 4/22/19. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 5/23/19.
San Diego	Seventh Undergraduate College		2/8/19	3/6/19	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 3/25/19. Academic Council approval letter issued 4/25/19. Regental approval granted 5/15/19.
Irvine	Public Health	M.S.	1/15/19	3/6/19	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 3/28/19. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 4/25/19.
Berkeley	Social Welfare	Flexible Master	10/29/18	3/6/19	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 2/28/19. Academic Council approval letter issued 4/11/19. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 5/3/19.
San Francisco	Supplemental Studies in Advanced Practice in Nursing	Certificate	10/12/18	3/6/19	Establishment	CCGA approval letter sent to campus 4/23/19.
Berkeley	Bioprocess Engineering	Master	5/15/18	2/6/19	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 2/28/19. Academic Council approval letter issued 4/11/19. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 5/3/19.
Irvine	Engineering	Master	7/2/18	2/6/19	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 2/28/19. Academic Council approval letter issued 4/11/19. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 4/30/19.

Riverside	Supply Chain & Logistics Management	Master	6/7/18		Establishment	Not approved by CCGA at 3/6/19 meeting.
San Diego	Economics-Public Policy	B.A.-M.P.P.	1/4/19	1/9/19	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 1/31/19. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 2/28/19.
Santa Cruz	Natural Language Processing	M.S.	8/13/18	1/9/19	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 1/15/19. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 2/11/19.
Riverside	Biophysics	M.S./Ph.D.	6/7/18	12/5/18	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 12/26/18. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 1/28/19.
San Diego	Global Health	M.A.	3/9/18	12/5/18	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 12/19/18. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 1/28/19.
Santa Cruz	Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology	M.S.	5/21/18	11/7/18	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 11/26/18. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 12/14/18.
San Diego	Biostatistics	M.S.	5/17/18	11/7/18	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 11/14/18. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 12/14/18.
Los Angeles	Communication	M.S./Ph.D.	5/9/18	11/7/18	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 11/13/18. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 12/14/18.
Merced	Management of Complex Systems	M.S./Ph.D.	6/21/18	11/7/18	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 11/21/18. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 12/14/18.
Merced	Bioengineering	M.S./Ph.D.	5/23/18	9/26/18	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 10/15/18. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 11/8/18.
Merced	Materials and Biomaterials Science and Engineering	M.S./Ph.D.	5/22/18	9/26/18	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 10/1/18. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 10/26/18.
Irvine	History and Theory of Music	Ph.D.	2/27/18	8/15/18	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 10/4/18. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 10/26/18.
Los Angeles	Indo-European Studies	M.A.	2/9/18	7/19/18	Establishment	CCGA approval letter issued 10/5/18. Presidential approval letter sent to campus 10/29/18.

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