

August 1, 2026

Graduate Curriculum Approval Process Timeline

New Graduate Program proposals take approximately 9 months to complete the shared governance approval process. They must be submitted to the Graduate Council by September 10 to be launched the following Fall semester. The full approval process must be completed by the last meeting of the Board of Regents for the new program to be entered into the new academic year's Graduate Catalog.

To have programs launched in the Spring semester of the next calendar year, they must be submitted to the Graduate School before January 10.

New Graduate Course proposals can be submitted any time during the academic year. However, it takes at least 2 months for approval by the Graduate Council. More time is required for Faculty Senate approval and Registrar's processing.

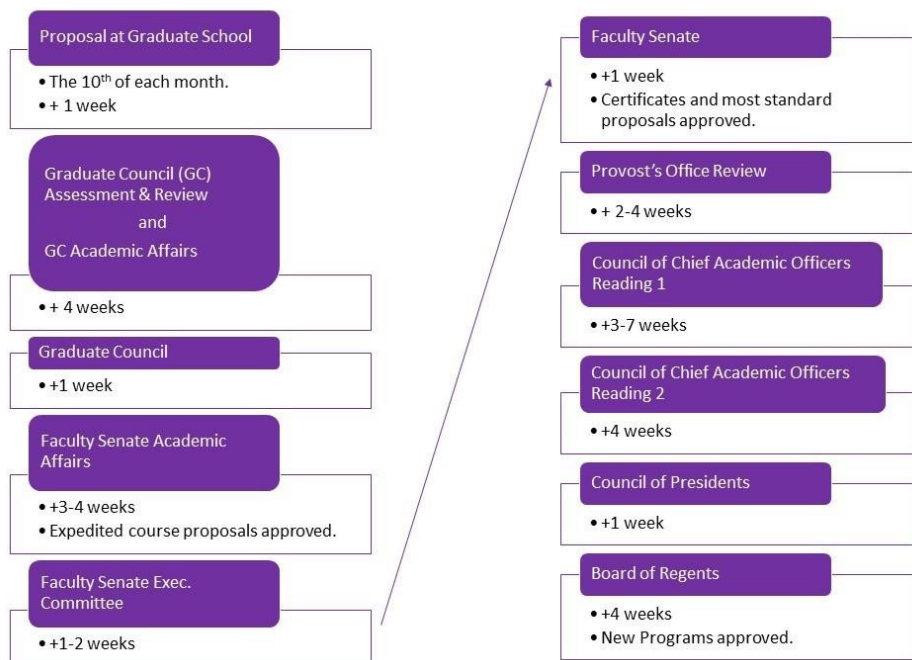
Graduate Program Change proposals can be submitted any time during the academic year. However, it takes at least 2 months for them to be approved by the Graduate Council. The full approval process must be completed by the last meeting of the Faculty Senate for the modified program to be entered into the new academic year's Graduate Catalog.

Important Note: *Any type of graduate curriculum proposal must be submitted to the Graduate Council by September 10 to successfully navigate the entire shared governance process and be launched the following academic year.*

For a complete description of the curriculum approval process, see the Registrar's website:

<https://www.k-state.edu/curriculog/deadlines/>

Mapping of the Approval Process with Timeline



Sample Approval Timeline for a New Graduate Program

For a new program to be available in Fall 2027:

<u>Process</u>	<u>If all information is available</u>	<u>Typical</u> (Includes some discussion)	<u>If proposal requires additional work</u>
<i>Submit Proposal</i>	Prior to Aug 10, 2026	Prior to Aug 10, 2026	Prior to Aug 10, 2026
<i>GC-ARC*</i>	Aug. 18, 2026	Sept. 15, 2026	Oct. 20, 2026
<i>GC-AAC*</i>	Aug. 20, 2026	Sept. 17, 2026	Oct. 22, 2026
<i>Graduate Council</i>	Sept. 1, 2026	Oct. 6, 2025	Nov. 3, 2025
<i>FS AAC</i>	Oct. 6, 2026	Oct. 20, 2026	Nov. 17, 2025
<i>FS Exec.</i>	Oct. 27, 2026	Nov. 24, 2026	Jan. 26, 2027
<i>Faculty Senate</i>	Nov. 10, 2026	Dec. 8, 2026	Feb. 9, 2027
<i>Provost</i>	Nov. 2026	Jan. 2027	Mar. 2027
<i>CCAO Read 1</i>	Dec. 2026	Feb. 2027	Apr. 2027
<i>CCAO Read 2</i>	Jan. 2027	Mar. 2027	May 2027
<i>Council of Pres</i>	Feb. 2027	Apr. 2027	May 2027
<i>KBOR</i>	March Meeting	June Meeting	June Meeting

<i>In Catalog</i>	Fall 2027	Fall 2027	Fall 2027
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For a new program to be available in Spring 2028:

<u>Process</u>	<u>If all information is available</u>	<u>Typical</u> (Includes some discussion)	<u>If proposal requires additional work</u>
<i>Submit Proposal</i>	Prior to Jan 10, 2027	Prior to Jan 10, 2027	Prior to Jan 10, 2027
<i>GC-ARC*</i>	Jan. 19, 2027	Feb 16, 2027	Mar 23, 2027
<i>GC-AAC*</i>	Jan. 21, 2027	Feb. 18, 2027	Mar. 25, 2027
<i>Graduate Council</i>	Feb. 2, 2027	Mar. 2, 2027	Apr. 6, 2027
<i>FS AAC</i>	Mar. 12**, 2027	Apr. 6, 2027	May 4, 2027
<i>FS Exec.</i>	Mar. 30, 2027	Apr. 27, 2027	May 25, 2027
<i>Faculty Senate</i>	Apr 13, 2027	May 11, 2027	Jun. 8, 2027
<i>Provost</i>	Jun. 2027	Jun. 2027	Jun. 2027
<i>CCAO Read 1</i>	Aug 2027	Aug 207	Aug 2027
<i>CCAO Read 2</i>	Sep. 2027	Sep. 2027	Sep. 2027
<i>Council of Pres</i>	Oct. 2027	Oct. 2027	Oct. 2027
<i>KBOR</i>	December Meeting	December Meeting	December Meeting
<i>In Catalog</i>	Spring 2028	Spring 2028	Spring 2028

*New programs are reviewed by ARC and AAC simultaneously and will proceed to Graduate Council when approved by both. They do not need to proceed sequentially.

**Tentative. If cancelled the next meeting would be Apr. 6, 2027.