

# STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

## POLICY

### Academic Program Proposal, Maintenance, and Closure

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All proposals for new academic programs offerings shall adhere to the terms of this policy and the associated procedure for academic program proposal, maintenance, and closure.

#### DEFINITIONS

##### A. Academic Programs

According to the Office of the (NJ) Secretary of Higher Education, a program is an academic curriculum that culminates in a degree (BA, BS, BFA, MA, MS, MBA, MFA, EdD, DPT, DNP, PhD, etc.). At Stockton, the Liberal Studies Bachelor of Arts ([LIBA](#)) is also considered a degree program.

##### B. Other Academic Offerings

Stockton offers academic programming that does not culminate in a degree. These other academic offerings may include:

##### 1. In-Program Minor

An in-program minor consists of a minimum of five courses in a program. At Stockton, some programs specify courses for a minor whereas other programs

also students to choose their own five program courses to complete the minor. Stockton students declare in-program minors, and they appear on the student's official transcript; however, a student does not receive a degree for the minor; a student only receives a degree in a major program of study.

## 2. Interdisciplinary Minor

An interdisciplinary minor consists of a minimum of five General Studies courses or a minimum of five courses in more than a single program. Interdisciplinary

#### 6. P-12 Educational Endorsements

An endorsement is a group of courses in one or more majors and/or General Studies that meets the state Department of Education specifications for an official teaching endorsement. Endorsements do not appear on a student's official transcript.

#### 7. Liberal Studies Bachelor of Arts (LIBA) Prompt/Pathway

The LIBA is a customizable degree program that permits students to create a full individualized curricular program, created from courses within an academic School of College or by expanding an interdisciplinary minor into a curricular program similar to a major. A prompt/pathway is not such a program with a concentration. The LIBA degree will appear on a student's official transcript; however, the specific prompt/pathway will not appear on a student's official transcript.

#### 9. Miscellaneous Academic Offerings

At Stockton, there are a number of offerings that do not fall into the categories above, but that are considered non-degree granting programs. Honors, First-Year Studies, First-Year Seminars, etc. constitute this type of offering. Some miscellaneous academic offerings appear on the student's official transcript (Honors), and others do not (First-Year Studies).

### **POLICY**

#### A. Review and Approval of New Academic Programs and Offerings

All new academic programs and offerings go through internal review, as well as a Proposal and state approval processes.

#### B. Life Cycle

The life cycle of an academic program or offering includes, for new programs and offerings, preparatory work, proposal, review, approval, and implementation. For existing programs, the life cycle includes annual reviews and five-year reporting; curricular revision, updating, or

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