

Request to Change a Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code

A request for changing the Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code assigned to a program should be based on identifying a mismatch between the program curriculum/learning outcomes and the description of the assigned CIP Code. Changes are intended to improve the accuracy of the assigned CIP Code and must be approved by the Academic Review Committee.

The following process applies to any program requesting a change to the existing CIP Code:

1. The department/program coordinator meets with the Associate Vice Provost for Academic Planning to discuss the current CIP code, program changes, and the process for changing the CIP code.
2. The department/program faculty must formally vote to change the CIP Code and submit the request to the school's curriculum committee (or other relevant faculty group).
3. The school submits a written request for change to the Academic Review Committee the includes the following:
 - a. The current CIP Code and its official description
 - b. The proposed CIP Code and its official description
 - c. A rationale that outlines:
 - i. how the proposed CIP Code better aligns with the curriculum
 - ii. new courses or changes in course content
 - iii. changed program and/or course learning outcomes
 - d. Supporting documentation that may include curriculum, course content, and learning outcomes from programs at other institutions that use the proposed CIP Code.
 - e. Desired date of implementation
 - f. Letter of support from the Dean.
4. Upon review and approval, the Associate Vice Provost for Academic Planning will notify the University Registrar of the CIP Code change. The University Registrar will share the change with the Office of Institutional Research and Decision Support, Office of Financial Aid, Office of Admissions, and the International Student and Scholar Services Office.
5. The University Registrar will ensure that the updated CIP code is entered into the Student Information System.
6. The Office of Institutional Research and Decision Support will work with the Associate Vice Provost for Academic Planning to update the maintain a master list of CIP Codes for all university programs on the website as required by SACSCOC.