

Department of Academic Assessment & Program Review

Program Review

Process:



Self-Study:

The primary purpose of program review is to maintain and strengthen the quality of academic programs through the collection of evidence regarding student learning and reflective academic planning. A formal review of existing degree programs is required on a periodic basis by California State University Board of Trustees policy, WASC guidelines for accreditation and other discipline-based accrediting bodies

External Reviewer Duties:

Independent teams, typically two outside reviewers, make site visits to evaluate programs at California State University, Northridge. The report should be a description of the existing strengths and weaknesses of the program, and should be concerned with how to improve or develop a given program. The consultants should not be protective of institutional or professional reputations but should reflect the high standards against which the department (program) is measured.

Typically, the reviewers will address each of these sections and include recommendations and commendations on how the program has/can achieve success on these topics.

- I. Program
- II. Program Structure
- III. Program Financial Support
- IV. Faculty
- V. Students
- VI. Facilities and Services
- VII. Assessment and Strategic Planning
- VIII. Program Improvement and Development
- IX. General Comments and Suggestions

Student Engagement

Now that you, the student have a better understanding of the program review process and the roles of the external reviewers; you can structure and prepare your questions and concerns accordingly.