**Program Approval Timelines**

These below timelines are for system-level processes and beyond, and do not include the initial proposal and review process that takes place at the campus level. Please consult with your department chair, dean/director, and provost for information regarding those processes.

**Degree Program Approval Timeline**

* Review of preliminary proposals (min. 2-3 days to max. 2 weeks)
* Review of full proposals (about 2 weeks for the initial round of feedback)
* Systemwide review (20 business days)
* *Doctoral programs only:* External review (2 months)
* Board approval (3-4 weeks)
* Missouri Department of Higher Education approval (4-8 weeks)

**Certificate Program Approval Timeline**

* Review of certificate proposal and documentation (typically submitted to MDHE the same month in which it was submitted to System)
* Missouri Department of Higher Education approval (4-8 weeks)
* *Eligible certificates only:* Approval for eligibility for Title IV funds (1-3 months)

If you have any questions regarding this timeline, visit our [degree programs webpage](https://www.umsystem.edu/ums/aa/degrees/) for more information.