



Determination of Significant Departure

Approval by SACSCOC is required prior to beginning a new program or modifying an existing program when “the addition of courses or program that represent a significant departure, either in content or method of delivery, from those that were offered when the institution was last evaluated.” Completion of this guide serves as documentation that the college’s determination of significant departure was reasonable, justifiable, and informed by professional judgement.

1. Briefly describe the change being considered.
2. Is the program materially new for the institution?
3. What previously approved programs does the institution offer that are closely related to the new program, and how are they related?
4. Will significant additional equipment or facilities be needed?
5. Will significant additional financial resources be needed?
6. Will a significant number of new courses be required?
7. Will a significant number of new faculty members be required?
8. Will significant additional library/learning resources be needed?

The proposed change is/is not a significant departure.

Director of Institutional Effectiveness

Vice President of Instruction

Date

Date