**University of Missouri System**

**Degree Program Approval Timeline**

The degree programs offered by UM institutions is core to our ability to offer students meaningful, relevant experiences after graduation. They are core to the industry of higher education. As a result, the review of degree programs can be a lengthier process than some anticipate. Here’s a brief overview of the timeline *for the UM System approval process.* **This does not include time needed for campus-based approval.**

* 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)

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