

Curriculum Process and Timelines for Fall 2025 Implementation

Important Considerations for a Fall 2025 (August 2025) implementation:

- Proposals **must be** received by the Curriculum Coordinator (**Step 6 below**) by **December 1, 2024** to expect final approval by early March 2025. Please allow sufficient time PRIOR to this date to work through steps 1-5 below. Proposals received after Dec. 1st may have insufficient time to make it through the approval process.
- Access **current curriculum forms** from Records & Registration Faculty Resources web page at <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/mybsu/resources/faculty-resources/faculty-curriculum-forms/>
- Access **current program information** in online catalog at <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/catalog/>
- Expect that the length, complexity, novelty, and completeness of the proposal will affect the duration of various steps in the approval process. For example, new programs or proposals with significant changes may require several conversations between relevant offices (in bold below).
- Address questions regarding the curriculum process to the Curriculum Coordinator: Robin Gullickson at catalog@bemidjistate.edu by phone at 218-755-4248.

Effective Dates

Proposals must receive **final approval (steps 12 or 16 completed) by the FIRST WEEK IN MARCH 2025 to become effective Fall 2025.** This is to ensure that the online catalogs match up with students' Fall 2025 registration information. The effective date for each approved proposal appears in the online Curriculum Proposal Progress Chart (see web address after step 16 below). **Departments are cautioned against publicizing and recruiting for new/modified programs until they are certain of the program's effective date.**

Proposal Approval Process

1. **Faculty member** digitally signs Form 8 and emails proposal (word version) and Form 8 PDF to school Chair
2. **Department's faculty** review proposal considering appropriate academic, curricular, and budget planning. Once reviewed will table, return or approve proposal. (process may vary per school/department)
- 3a. If approved, **Chair** reviews, informs other affected departments, attaches any comments, and digitally signs Form 8 once ready for proposal to move forward. (Note: the proposer may also email the affected departments/schools as well.)
- 3b. **Chair** emails proposal and Form 8 to catalog@bemidjistate.edu ; the Curriculum Coordinator will log the proposal and then email to the Dean. (Note: Prior to going to the dean the proposal is put together and is reviewed for completeness and consistency.)

***NOTE* Proposals should be received by the Dean 6 weeks prior to 12.1.24 (October 21, 2024).**

4. **Dean** reviews, considering appropriate academic, curricular, and budget plan; consults with Academic VP as appropriate; tables, returns, or approves; If approved, Dean digitally signs Form 8 and then emails proposal and digitally signed Form 8 to catalog@bemidjistate.edu for logging. The Curriculum Coordinator will log the proposal and then email to Academic Affairs (usually within 2 business days).
5. **Academic Affairs** reviews, considering appropriate academic, curricular, and budget plan; consults with proposer/Dean as appropriate; tables, returns or approves. If approved, digitally signs Form 8 and then emails Form 8 and the proposal to catalog@bemidjistate.edu for next steps in the curriculum process.

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- 6 **Curriculum Coordinator** emails the proposer and chair re: receipt of all digital signatures and begins to review for completeness and consistency. The Curriculum Coordinator will may query the proposer or will forward to appropriate Curriculum Committees (Curriculum, Graduate, Teacher Education, Core Curriculum, Nisidotaading Committees) as appropriate.

Notes regarding new Programs:

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New programs may require approval from HLC (see Randy Westhoff or Academic Affairs).

New programs may require approval from Department of Education

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- 7. **Curriculum Committees** review, query the proposer via curriculum coordinator as needed, and either returns or approves the proposal
- 8. **Curriculum Coordinator** emails to Faculty Association and Fac_Staff_L after all committees have approved
- 9. **Faculty Association (BSUFA Senate)** approves, returns or tables the proposal
- 10. **Curriculum Coordinator** forwards to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs any approved proposals
- 11. **Academic VP consults further with proposer/Dean, tables, returns or grants** final BSU approval. New programs and some revised programs require additional approval by Minnesota State, HLC, and/or DOE.
- 12. **Academic VP digitally signs VP Responses for those proposals that have been approved.**
- 13. **Curriculum Coordinator emails VP Response documents to chairs, deans and Academic Affairs**
- 14. **Curriculum Coordinator** submits New/Revised Programs as needed to Minnesota State via Program Navigator
- 15. **Minnesota State** grants final approval as needed
- 16. **Academic Affairs or designee submits proposal to the Higher Learning Commission for notification or approval as needed**
- 17. **Financial Aid** submits to Department of Education for approval as needed

To track your proposal's progress from #s 3b through **14** above, view the Curriculum Proposal Progress Chart at <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/mybsu/resources/faculty-resources/faculty-curriculum-forms/>

Curriculum Process and Timelines for Spring 2026 Implementation

Important Considerations for a Spring 2026 (January 2026) implementation:

- Proposals **must be** received by the Curriculum Coordinator (**Step 6 below**) by **July 1, 2025** to ****tentatively**** receive approval in September 2025. Please allow sufficient time **PRIOR** to this date to work through steps 1-5 below. Proposals received after July 1st may have insufficient time to make it through the approval process.
- Due to the extremely tight timeline for Spring 2025 student registration/ catalog publication, proposals **MUST** be approved by the October Faculty Association meeting in order to be effective Spring 2024. Therefore, if the October Faculty Association meeting is held the first Monday in October, 10/6/25, the proposal must be approved by all applicable curriculum committees (curriculum, liberal education, teacher education, and/or graduate) no later than September 22, 2025.
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- *NOTE* Proposals should be received by the Dean 6 weeks prior to 7.1.2025 (May 13, 2025)**
- ❑ 4. **Dean** reviews, considering appropriate academic, curricular, and budget plan; consults with Academic VP as appropriate; tables, returns, or approves; If approved, Dean digitally signs Form 8 and then emails proposal and digitally signed Form 8 to catalog@bemidjistate.edu for logging. The Curriculum Coordinator will log the proposal and then email to Academic Affairs (usually within 2 business days).
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11. **Academic VP consults further with proposer/Dean, tables, returns or grants** final BSU approval. New programs and some revised programs require additional approval by Minnesota State, HLC, and/or DOE.

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14. **Curriculum Coordinator** submits New/Revised Programs as needed to Minnesota State via Program Navigator

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