

Academic Programs Update

Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee
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Academic Program Optimization Progress

- Significant supported work by faculty groups during January break
- 13 more programs approved as “green” (meeting optimization goals)
- 5 programs pending final approval as “green”
- 7 programs pending other transformation work

PROGRAMS PROPOSED FOR ARRAY		Oct 15th Status and Timeline reported to EPSL	JANUARY 24, 2022 STATUS UPDATE
Animation and Illustration BFA	Pending reworking of Visual Communication, Illustration, Animation, and Photographic programs	12/1/21	Green
Communications	Pending revisions to become single program with three concentrations	12/1/21	Green
Graphic Design (BFA, BA)	Pending revisions to become single graphic design program	12/1/21	Green pending final evaluation of AA in Photography as a potential minor.
Media Arts	Pending revisions to become single media arts program with expanded campus locations	11/1/21	Green
Music	dependency on other transformation work: strategic financial plan, residential life, facilities	1/1/22	Sponsors and Stakeholders are currently reviewing overall transformation plans with goal of finalizing optimized program review by mid-March.
Music Education			
Performance, Arts, Tech			
Theater			
Agriculture & Food Entrepreneurship A.A.S.	Pending identification of internship and partner sites (by March 1) and funding	6/1/22	There has been a lot of effort on funding, but given the timeline on an EDA grant that was just submitted, and the need for additional funding beyond EDA, it is possible VTC will not meet the original deadline of June 1 to be confident of having the funds necessary.
Diversified Agriculture (BS)	Pending identification of internship and partner sites (by March 1) and funding	6/1/22	
Dairy Farm Management (AAS)	Pending identification of internship and partner sites (by March 1) and funding	6/1/22	
Automotive Technology (AAS)	New-to-program faculty actively working on optimization	2/1/22	Green
Construction Management (AAS)	Pending personnel issues		Green
Construction Management (BS)			Green
Diesel Power Technology (AAS)	New-to-program faculty actively working on optimization	2/1/22	Green
Business BS	Pending resolution with sport management program.	12/1/21	Green

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Inclusive Childhood Education	green; resolving final curriculum alignment		Substantial work completed by faculty during January break pending final review.
Inclusive Adolescent Education	Pending final review and coordination with content departments		
Interdisciplinary Studies	green (pending new evaluation of Professional Studies program)	12/1/21	Green
Professional Studies	Evaluate for potential inclusion within Interdisciplinary Studies	12/1/21	Unique online program to be reviewed by Faculty Assemblies.
M.Ed and M.A. Education	Confirm final configuration of offerings and delivery modalities	12/1/21	Green
School Psychology	Curriculum optimizations and consultation with accreditor on potential alternate-year cohort model.	12/1/21	Green
Renewable Energy (BS)	Pending: faculty on sabbatical fall 2021	2/1/22	Green
CHANGES Since last update			
Software Engineering (MS)	Green		Program dependent on hiring appropriate faculty expertise; otherwise will be suspended.

Academic Operations: High-Priority Projects

Vermont State University Common Course Schedule Time Block

- Common schedule confirmed for Fall 2022 implementation.

Program Array *and* General Education

- Draft of General Education mission, vision and goals in circulation for feedback.

Goal: Assemblies to approve General Education design by May.

- Planning for reviews by Faculty Assembly and curriculum committee leaders.

Goal: Begin reviews of some optimized programs this spring.

Academic Operations: High-Priority Projects

Academic Organization Structure (schools, depts, progs)

- First draft proposal based on Labor Task Force work
- Feedback survey in progress (all faculty and program coordinators and department chairs).

Goal: revised proposal to be reviewed by Assemblies in March.

Faculty Governance Structure

- Faculty Assembly leaders drafted design principles based on Labor Task Force work and plan to establish formal cross-campus group to continue work.

Goals: approve design by May 2022; draft bylaws over summer; review, revise and approve new structure by May 2023.