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**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT**

1 **Policy Title:** Academic Degree Program Annual Tracking and Reporting  
2 **APS Number:** 1046 **APS Functional Area:** **ACADEMIC/RESEARCH**

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4 **Brief Description:** Provides requirements and procedures for annual tracking and reporting on  
5 academic degree programs.  
6 **Effective:** July 1, 2026 (Pending)  
7 **Approved by:** President Todd Saliman (Pending)  
8 **Responsible University Officer:** Vice President for Academic Affairs  
9 **Responsible Office:** Office of Academic Affairs  
10 **Policy Contact:** Office of Academic Affairs  
11 **Supersedes:** N/A  
12 **Last Reviewed/Updated:** July 1, 2026 (Pending)  
13 **Applies to:** All campuses

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15 **Reason for Policy:** Provides ongoing annual tracking of academic degree programs by each campus, separate from  
16 the continuous quality goal of the program review process.

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18 **I. INTRODUCTION**

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20 Per regent law, article 4, part B, and regent policy 4.B, the Board of Regents approves all new degree programs  
21 offered by the University of Colorado. Academic degree programs are the heart of the educational offerings of  
22 the university, bear tuition and fees approved by the Board of Regents, and lead to degrees that, upon the  
23 recommendation of the faculty, are conferred by the Board of Regents.

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25 The Board of Regents is requiring an annual check in four broad areas on the academic degree programs they  
26 have approved. APS 1046 is adopted to provide for this annual check. Additionally, this APS describes the  
27 annual written and oral report to the Board of Regents by the chancellor of each campus on all academic degree  
28 programs. Each campus shall develop processes to implement this APS.

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30 This APS is part of a group of policies, including [APS 1038: New Degree Program Approval](#), and [APS 1019:  
31 Degree Program Review](#) that are focused on academic degree programs. APS 1046 does not supplant APS  
32 1038 or 1019.

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34 **II. POLICY STATEMENT**

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36 A. Academic Degree Program Annual Check  
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38 1. Framing  
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40 a. Academic degree programs are complex and varied. As such, a high-level, low administrative

burden directional check will require broad categories that can be adapted to specific degree programs. The four categories used in this APS are meant to reflect areas of potential change, growth, or challenge driven by factors internal or external to the academic degree program. These areas are meant to be categories that can be customized as needed for different academic degree programs. The customization should be clearly understood and documented at the campus level and once developed for a degree program, used consistently until a change in the program necessitates modification.

- b. The four broad categories for the annual check are:
  - i. Educational category
  - ii. Strategic Realignment category
  - iii. Financial or Other Resource Allocation category
  - iv. Enrollment Pause category
- c. For each academic degree program, the annual report shall indicate a qualitative evaluation in each of the four categories reported as: 1) No major-significant activities, 2) Monitoring, or 3) Major Significant activities.
- d. Each campus shall provide a report to the regents on every academic degree program for the previous (most recent) academic year, reflecting activity in each of the categories below, ~~as follows~~. Activity may originate at the degree program level, at broader organizational levels (i.e., school/college, campus), or externally. Regardless of where the action is initiated, when a degree program is impacted, the activity level will be reported.
  - i. Educational category
    - No major-significant activities – educational mission not needing major-significant revision
    - Monitoring – educational mission being considered for major-significant revision
    - Major Significant activities – educational mission undergoing major-significant revision
  - ii. Strategic realignment category
    - No major-significant activities – not being considered for, or as part of, ~~in~~ a strategic realignment process
    - Monitoring – being evaluated for, or as part of, ~~in~~ a strategic realignment process
    - Major Significant activities – is undergoing/has undergone a strategic realignment process
  - iii. Financial or Other Resource Allocation category (beyond regular annual budgeting and space/capital planning)
    - No major-significant activities – no financial or other resource allocation issues beyond the regular annual processes.
    - Monitoring – being evaluated for, or as part of, financial or other resource allocation changes
    - Major Significant activities – significant changes being taken in financial or other resource allocations
  - iv. Enrollment Pause category
    - Is the enrollment in the program currently paused?
- e. Each campus shall have a documented process for the descriptive determination required in the annual report. The process may vary, as appropriate, at the program level and is meant to be

98 high level and qualitative.  
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- 100 i. Campuses that already have an annual process for each academic degree program may  
101 adapt that process for this report. If the annual campus process would lead to a different  
102 report structure, the approval of the vice president of academic affairs is required to verify  
103 the goals of the report are being met.  
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105 2. Written Report – Board of Regents

- 106 a. The chancellor of each campus shall provide an annual report for the Board of Regents as two  
107 tables. Each table will contain academic degree programs with their descriptive determination  
108 in each of the four categories.  
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110 i. Table 1 includes all academic degree program offered by a campus, organized by college  
111 or school, and then by degree level (undergraduate, then graduate degrees). The size of  
112 each degree program will be indicated in the table, as described in the Appendix.  
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114 ii. Table 2 includes those academic degree programs that had a major-significant activity in at  
115 least one category or have paused admissions. Each program in Table 2 shall be  
116 accompanied by a short (no more than one paragraph) description of the major significant  
117 activity or activities.

118 iii. Templates for Table 1 and Table 2 reports are in the Appendix of this APS.  
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120 3. Oral Report – Executive Session

- 121 a. In addition to the written report, each chancellor shall, in executive session, to the extent  
122 permitted by law, discuss:  
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124 i. Programs in Table 2 describing in more detail the status and plans for those programs.  
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127 4. Public Report and Presentation

- 128 a. Each chancellor shall present in public session a summary report of the number of academic  
129 degree programs with no major-significant activities, the number of academic degree programs  
130 with major-significant activities, and a brief description of the types of major-significant  
131 activities that the academic degree programs on their campus are encountering.  
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134 **III. RELATED POLICIES**

135 A. Regent Laws and Policies

- 136 1. Regent Law, Article 4, Part B: Degree Programs and Other Credentials  
137 2. Regent Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability  
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139 B. Administrative Policy Statements

- 140 1. APS 1019: Degree Program Review  
141 2. APS 1038: New Degree Program Approval  
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143 **IV. HISTORY**

- 144 • Initial policy approved: July 1, 2026 (Pending)  
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APPENDIX

152 A. TABLE 1 TEMPLATE (EXAMPLE): ANNUAL CHECK – TYPE OF ACTIVITY

<NAME OF CAMPUS> ANNUAL CHECK			TABLE 1: TYPE OF ACTIVITY BY CATEGORY							
DEGREE PROGRAMS	Program Level (UG or Grad)	Program Size^	Educational		Strategic Realignment		Financial or Other Resource Allocation		Enrollment Pause	
College or School*			AY 25-26	AY 26-27	AY 25-26	AY 26-27	AY 25-26	AY 26-27	AY 25-26	AY 26-27
Degree Program Name	UG	Small							No	No
Degree Program Name	UG	Medium							No	No
Degree Program Name	UG	Medium				SA		M	No	Yes
Degree Program Name	UG	Small							No	No
Degree Program Name	UG	Medium							No	No
Degree Program Name	UG	Large							No	No
Degree Program Name	UG	Large							No	No
Degree Program Name	UG	Small							No	No
Degree Program Name	Grad	Small							No	No
Degree Program Name	Grad	Small	M	SA			M	M	No	Yes
Degree Program Name	Grad	Medium							No	No
Degree Program Name	Grad	Medium							No	No
College or School*			AY 25-26	AY 26-27	AY 25-26	AY 26-27	AY 25-26	AY 26-27	AY 25-26	AY 26-27
Degree Program Name	UG	Medium	M		M				No	No
Degree Program Name	UG	Large							No	No
Degree Program Name	UG	Large							No	No
Degree Program Name	Grad	Small							No	No
Degree Program Name	Grad	Medium							No	No

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154 \*Please organize the list of degrees by college/school, by degree level (undergraduate first, followed by graduate degrees), then by  
 155 size of the program (small, medium, or large as defined by each campus).

156 ^In the degree list by college/school, list undergraduate degrees first, followed by graduate degrees Program Size: Each campus must  
 157 have a consistent, documented way of determining program size for the purposes of this report. Campuses may have a size definition  
 158 for all UG programs and a separate definition for all graduate programs. A key that shows campus-defined program size must be  
 159 included in Tables 1 and 2.

160 ^^Drop down menus Descriptive keys are provided. Drop down menus that align with the keys are also provided to populate cells for  
 161 reporting with Monitoring or Major Activity indicators.

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Type of Activity Key^^	
	No Major Significant Activity
M	Monitoring
M-SA	Major Significant Activity
Yes/No	Enrollment Pause

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Program Level^^	
UG	Undergraduate Degree Program
MA	Graduate Degree Program

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Undergraduate Degree Program Size^^	
Small	Campus to add their definition
Medium	Campus to add their definition
Large	Campus to add their definition

Graduate Degree Program Size^^	
Small	<i>Campus to add their definition</i>
Medium	<i>Campus to add their definition</i>
Large	<i>Campus to add their definition</i>

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**B. TABLE 2 TEMPLATE (EXAMPLE): ANNUAL CHECK – DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY**

<NAME OF CAMPUS> ANNUAL CHECK		TABLE 2: DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY				
DEGREE PROGRAMS WITH ONE OR MORE MAJOR SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY ~	Program Level (UG or Grad)	Program Size^ (Sm, Med, Lg)	Educational	Strategic Realignment	Financial or Other Resource Allocation	Enrollment Pause
College or School*			For degree prgrams with <b>Major Significant Activity</b> in one or more of the above categories, please briefly describe the activity or activities in no more than one paragraph.			
Degree Program Name	UG	Small	SA	SA	M	Yes
			<i>Describe the major significant activity or activities here.</i>			
Degree Program Name	Grad	Small			SA	No
			<i>Describe the major significant activity or activities here.</i>			
College or School*			For degree prgrams with <b>Major Significant Activity</b> in one or more of the above categories, please briefly describe the activity or activities in no more than one paragraph.			
Degree Program Name	UG	Medium			SA	No
			<i>Describe the major significant activity or activities here.</i>			

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\*Please organize the list of degrees by college/school, by degree level (undergraduate first, followed by graduate degrees), then by size of the program (small, medium, or large as defined by each campus).

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^Program Size: Each campus must have a consistent, documented way of determining program size for the purposes of this report.

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Campus may have a size definition for all UG programs and a separate definition for all graduate programs. A key that shows campus-defined program size must be included with Tables 1 and 2.

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^^Descriptive keys are provided. Drop down menus that align with the keys also are provided to populate cells for reporting.

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~If there are multiple degrees with major-significant activity for the same reason, the degrees may be grouped together with a single description for all.

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Type of Activity^^		Undergraduate Degree Program Size^^	
	No Major Significant Activity	Small	Campus to add their definition
M	Monitoring	Medium	Campus to add their definition
M SA	Major Significant Activity	Large	Campus to add their definition
Yes/No	Enrollment Pause		
Program Level^^		Graduate Degree Program Size^^	
UG	Undergraduate Degree Program	Small	Campus to add their definition
MA	Graduate Degree Program	Medium	Campus to add their definition
		Large	Campus to add their definition

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