

## S-0.5 Academic Approval Matrix Revision Rationale

### GFC/GCC Change

The table below contains the GFC’s recommendations for the revised approval matrix under the new graduate governance structure.

The GCC and GFC recommend an approval structure for the dropping of a degree, such as the discontinuation of a PhD program. The new charters make it clear that GCC approves the creation of new degrees and the modification of existing degrees, but it does not expressly refer to the discontinuation of degrees.

Graduate/ <del>Post-baccalaureate</del> Level										
Academic Actions	Department or Equivalent	School or College	Academic Planning and Budget Committee (APBC)	Graduate Course and Curriculum Committee (GCC)	Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)	Faculty Senate	Provost	Chancellor	UW System	Board of Regents
Pre-Authorization to plan new degree or major	Y	Y	I	I	N	I	Y	I	Y	N
Authorization to implement new degree or major	Y	Y	R	Y	I	Y	Y	I	Y	Y
Establish submajor or certificate program	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	I	I	N
Establish cooperative program with another UWS unit	Y	Y	R	Y	N	Y	Y	I	Y	N
Establish an off-site offering on an existing degree or certificate program	Y	Y	R	I	N	N	Y	I	Y	N
Rename degree or major	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	I	I	N
Change in degree/major requirements, or rename or change submajor or certificate program requirements	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	I	I	N
Add, change, or drop a course	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Suspend admission to a program (hiatus) or reactivate suspended admission to a program *	Y	Y	I	I	I	I	Y	I	I	N
Drop degree or major**	Y	Y	I	Y	I	Y	Y	Y	I	N
Drop submajor or certificate program	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	I	I	N
Add, change, or drop curricular area	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	I	N
Change affecting all programs (e.g. establishing new admissions requirements)	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	I	I

**Y:** Approval required; **N:** Approval not required; **I:** Information only; **R:** Review and comment.

\* This line was introduced in the matrix in June 2019, after the charters were generated.

\*\* This line existed in the matrix, but is not defined in the current charters.

### **“Post-baccalaureate Level” Change**

Currently, all post-baccalaureate programs must be approved by the GFC even though they don't include any graduate course work. The rationale behind this was that students would eventually want to apply these credits toward their master's programs and thus, GFC oversight was warranted. However, students are now required to be registered as graduate students in order to earn graduate credits; hence, post-bacc credits could not be applied to a future master's program. As such, oversight of post-baccalaureate programs would more appropriately fall under the purview of the APCC.