

**Undergraduate Policy Committee
Annual Report
2025 to 2026**

The Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC) considers University-wide policies on undergraduate academic affairs. This includes approving new degree programs and majors, reviewing existing programs, creating and modifying general policies that affect the undergraduate curriculum, and considering requests from undergraduate programs for exceptions to existing policies. The UPC met monthly, and sometimes bi-weekly, during the 2025-2026 academic year, with the chair and members undertaking work throughout this period and the chair undertaking work in the summer as well.

Summer 2025 (UPC Chair)

- Held ongoing conversations with administration, faculty, and UPC members on undergraduate policy issues.
- Updated UPC processes and practices to guide future work.
- Scheduled UPC tasks for upcoming academic year.
- Answered prospective and new members' questions about UPC activities and service.
- Addressed ad hoc undergraduate policy needs and requests as they arose.

Academic Year 2025-2026 (UPC Committee)

New degree programs approved

- BS degree in Interdisciplinary Design from the College of Fine Arts.
- BFA in Theatre with a major in Stage Management from the College of Fine Arts.
- BA degree in Music Business from the College of Music.
- BS degree in Civics and Liberty Studies from the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.

New BA/BS-to-MA/MS pathway degree proposals approved

- BA in Art History to MA in Arts Administration from the College of Fine Arts.
- BA in Art History to MS in Art Education from the College of Fine Arts.
- BS in Mechanical Engineering to MS in Aerospace Engineering Pathway (non-thesis option).

New certificate programs approved

- African American Studies from the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.
- Dance Accompaniment from the College of Fine Arts.
- Global Sustainability from the Department of Geography in the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.

New majors approved

- BS in Event Management from the Dedman College of Hospitality.

Policies

- Provided input to the administration on the implementation of Simple Syllabus.
- Provided input to the administration on FSU Policy 9-7 changes focused on combined undergraduate to graduate and joint graduate pathways.
- Provided suggestions to the Faculty Senate about changes to the UPC bylaws.

Other requests and actions

- Assisted Senate in filling UPC vacancies.
- Responded to faculty query about the University's final exam policy.
- Reviewed UPC voting protocols after consultation with Senate Parliamentarian.
- Continued to discuss possible UPC role in a new program review process.
- Chair provided ad hoc guidance to university administration, faculty, departments, and/or colleges in response to miscellaneous questions about UG policy.

UPC meeting details can be found in the UPC minutes (<https://upc.undergrad.fsu.edu>) and the Faculty Senate minutes (<https://facsenate.fsu.edu>).

Summer 2026

Plans for the summer include:

- Hold ongoing conversations with administration, faculty, and UPC members on undergraduate policy issues.
- Assist with efforts to revise the Academic Program Review process.
- Update UPC processes and practices as needed to guide future work.
- Update (with Courtney Barry) UPC page with new or revised processes and protocols.
- Schedule UPC tasks for upcoming academic year.
- Schedule sub-committees for upcoming program reviews.
- Answer prospective and new members' questions about UPC activities and service.
- Address ad hoc undergraduate policy needs and requests as they arise.

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