

2.7.4

Coursework for Degrees

The institution provides instruction for all course work required for at least one degree program at each level at which it awards degrees. If the institution does not provide instruction for all such course work and (1) makes arrangements for some instruction to be provided by other accredited institutions or entities through contracts or consortia or (2) uses some other alternative approach to meeting this requirement, the alternative approach must be approved by the Commission on Colleges. In both cases, the institution demonstrates that it controls all aspects of its educational program. (See Commission policy "Core Requirement 2.7.4: Documenting an Alternative Approach.") (**Note:** If an institution does not offer all course work for at least one degree at each degree level, it must request approval and provide documentation for an alternative approach that may include arrangements with other institutions. In such cases, the institution must submit information requested in Commission policy, "Core Requirement 2.7.4: Documenting an Alternative Approach." This information should be submitted as part of the Compliance Certification).

Judgment

Compliance Partial Compliance Non-Compliance Not Applicable

Narrative

Tennessee Technological University (TTU) offers degree programs at the bachelor's, master's, specialist, and doctoral levels and provides instruction for all course work required for each program. Requirements apply regardless of delivery mode.

Course Work and Descriptions

Course descriptions for all courses available in each degree program as well as degree requirements for every degree offered may be found in the Undergraduate [1] and Graduate [2] catalogs. Below are examples for each degree program, showing that instruction for all course work is provided.

The requirements for one bachelor's program (Mechanical Engineering) [3], one master's program (Mathematics) [4], one specialist program (Educational Specialist in Instructional Leadership) [5], and one doctoral program (Environmental Science) [6] are provided to illustrate that all required courses for these programs are offered by the University on a regular basis.

TTU does not have arrangements/contracts for instructors to be provided by other accredited institutions or entities through contracts or consortia.










Program Development and Approval Process

Faculty members at the departmental level typically generate curriculum development and the subsequent approval process. Departments then make proposals to a college-level committee. If the courses in question are general education courses, the University General Education Committee must first approve them before they move to the University Curriculum Committee. Proposals approved by the college-level committee are then reviewed by the University Curriculum Committee (if undergraduate level) [7] or the Graduate Studies Executive Committee (if graduate level) [8], and, if approved, submitted to the Academic Council. Proposals for new programs approved by the Academic Council are submitted to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Finally, proposals approved by this Office are submitted to TBR for final approval. This process [9] not only ensures the coherence of programs, but also compatibility with TTU's mission. All distance education degree programs and courses adhere to the same approval process.

Conclusion

TTU provides instruction for all the course work required in the bachelor's program in Mechanical Engineering, the master's program in Mathematics, the specialist program in Instructional Leadership, and the doctoral program in Environmental Science. The University is, therefore, in compliance with Core Requirement 2.7.4.

Sources

-  [01] 2014_2015 Undergraduate Catalog
-  [02] 2014_2015 Graduate Catalog
-  [03] Mechanical Engineering
-  [04] Mathematics
-  [05] Specialist Degree Instructional Leadership
-  [06] Environmental Sciences
-  [07] Procedures and Guidelines of the University Curriculum Committee
-  [08] Graduate Studies Executive Committee Policy 272
-  [09] Approval of Academic Programs Units and Modifications Policy 224