**University of Louisville**

**Academic Program Review**

**Five-Year Progress Report Instructions**

U of L's academic program review process examines the goals, structure, performance, and needs of the academic programs offered by the university.

The university is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC). SACSCOC views the program review process as one measure of institutional effectiveness. Nationally, the accreditation process is undergoing significant change in response to concerns expressed by the federal government and increasing calls for accountability. Additionally the CPE has made changes to their process that will require more frequent reviews.

As a result of these external expectations, the university program review cycle, which has ranged from 7 to 10 years, has been adjusted to include a 5-year progress report. A full academic program review will still take place every 10 years.

The 5th year process is an opportunity to assess the progress of the program overall and specifically the plan for improvement. The primary focus will be the Plan for Improvement approved in the last full 10-year review and progress on achieving the stated goals and objectives.

The progress report narrative should be approximately **5 pages, not including appendices.**

The Academic Program Review template for the progress report outlines the information that should be addressed in the program narrative.

The 5-year report should be accompanied by a letter from the unit dean indicating review and approval of the report and any other observations/comments. Please also include a list of any attachments at the end of the report.

The 5-year Program Review Progress Report is **due on December 15.**

**Forward an electronic copy of the report and attachments to:**

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