

Criteria for developing and assessing new program proposals

The Graduate Studies Committee will use the following criteria to evaluate and rank proposals for new graduate programs at The University of Winnipeg. These criteria were developed on the basis of The University of Winnipeg Formal Program Proposal form. In order of priority, the criteria are:

1. Academic Quality, including, for example:

- an assessment of faculty available to teach in a program
- an assessment of the teaching/learning environment
- an assessment of the variety of program delivery methods proposed
- an assessment of the potential of the program for enhancing research capacity in the University.

2. Sustainability, including, for example:

- an assessment of sufficient faculty to teach and advise in the program
- an assessment of the ability to attract and maintain funding
- an assessment of resources and physical space required
- an assessment of the relation to undergraduate programs
- an assessment of student and market demands.

3. Distinctiveness, including, but not limited to:

- an assessment of the design of the program
- an assessment of its distinctiveness from other programs in the province.

4. Fit, including, but not limited to:

- an assessment of the fit of the program with the strategic directions articulated by the University.