

Overview of External Academic Reviews

Arkansas State University conducts external academic reviews to ensure program quality, relevance, and alignment with institutional and state priorities. These reviews are required by **Arkansas Code §6-61-214** and administered by the **Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB)**.

The full details of **Arkansas Code §6-61-214** are linked here:

[Academic Program Review Policy](#)

[Academic Program Viability Policy](#)

All certificate and degree programs must undergo review every **7 to 10 years**, either through specialized accreditation or by external consultants.

Types of Program Review

Specialized Accredited Programs

- Accredited, Licensed, or State-Certified Programs follow the review schedule and procedures established by their respective accrediting or approval bodies.
- Documentation must still be submitted to ADHE after each review.

► See: [Specialized Accredited Programs](#)

Non-Accredited Programs

- Programs that are not subject to specialized accreditation are reviewed by **external consultants** selected for their disciplinary expertise.
- These reviews provide valuable feedback and help ensure that A-State's academic offerings remain aligned with institutional goals, state expectations, and national standards.

► See: [Program Review and Reporting](#)

Planning and Communication

The Office of Accreditation and Assessment provides guidance and resources to support departments through the external review process.

➤ [**Communication Protocols for Accredited Programs**](#)

➤ [**Internal Planning Timeline**](#)

➤ [**Program Site Visit Schedule**](#)

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