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ANNUAL ACCREDITATION REPORT

Action Requested: Receive the Annual Accreditation Report

Executive Summary: In compliance with Board of Regents policy 3.8, the three universities submitted reports and findings from programmatic reaccreditations for the Annual Accreditation Report to the Board. Accreditation provides quality assurance from external experts in the areas of faculty, curriculum, administrative and student support. In many professions, licensing boards and employers require completion of an accredited program to ensure employees have the necessary skills. Each accreditor sets its own timeline for the accreditation cycle, including for follow-up after site visits, so there is wide variance in the visit dates, final actions from accreditors and renewal periods.

This report contains the outcomes of the most recent reviews at each institution. Included are the following programs:

Iowa State University

Business
Agricultural Systems and Technology
Industrial Technology
Landscape Architecture

University of Northern Iowa

Business

University of Iowa

Dance
Theatre

Accreditation Actions and Status: All programs listed above received approval for accreditation renewal. As is common, some accreditors requested interim progress reports, but none of these requirements affect the accreditation status of the respective programs. All requests for interim progress reports were completed or in-process at the time of this report. In addition, each program reviewed received commendation for various aspects of the program design, delivery or outcomes.

2020-2021 Accreditation Report

Iowa State University

<i>Program</i>	<i>Accreditor short</i>	<i>Accreditor full</i>	<i>Review Month-year</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Notes from accreditor</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Renewal Date</i>
Business	AACSB International	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	Sep-19	Accredited	Commendations for experiential learning and student support. Should include update on learning assessment and curriculum development processes during next review.	5 years	2024-25
Agricultural Systems Technology; Industrial Technology	ATMAE	Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering	Apr-20	Accredited	Of 19 standards, only one had a request for improvement. The External Advisory Council should provide evidence of its participation in program outcomes and learning outcomes validation.	6 years	2026
Landscape Architecture	LAAB	Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board	Jul-20	Accredited	Bachelor's program had no findings. Master's program must submit 2-year and 4-year interim reports addressing concerns on the role of research, and 3 learning outcomes.	6 years	2026

University of Northern Iowa

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Business	AACSB International	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	May-20	Accredited	Commends Professional Readiness Program, Business and Community Services and other college efforts. Request to address faculty ratios in Department of Marketing by the time of next review in 5 years.	5 years	2024-25
Department of Theatre	NAST	National Association of Schools of Theatre	Sep-20	Accredited	Commends efforts to develop inclusive, supportive learning environment. Request for progress report on adequacy of space and equipment now available and on updates to Strayer-Wood Theatre.	9 years	2029-30

University of Iowa

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Department of Dance	NASD	National Association of Schools of Dance	Sep-20	Accredited	Commended for clarification of curricular and technical competencies; request progress report on hiring tenured/tenure-track faculty and efforts to secure appropriate and safe space for the work of the dance department.	Report due September 2021	2022-23
Department of Theatre	NAST	National Association of Schools of Theatre	Aug-20	Accredited	n/a	7 years	2027-28