



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
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SUBJECT: Permission to Operate in New York State: Duke University
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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents renew Duke University's permission to offer courses applicable to its undergraduate degree programs for another five-year term?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute and State regulation.

Proposed Handling

The issue will come before the Full Board for action at its March 2025 meeting.

Procedural History

Pursuant to Section 3.56 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, Duke University submitted an application seeking renewal of its permission to offer in-person courses applicable to undergraduate degree programs. The institution was previously granted permission to operate at the March 2020 Board of Regents meeting.

Background Information

Duke University (Duke) is a private institution located in Durham, North Carolina, and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Duke in New York is managed by the institution's Global Education Office and is available solely to undergraduate students who are matriculated at Duke.

Duke in New York provides students with a semester-long opportunity to immerse themselves in academic, cultural, and professional experiences in New York City through three different tracks: Creative Industries (fall), Financial Markets & Institutions (spring), and

a rotating thematic topic (summer). In the fall semester, students enroll in two Duke courses, one course at New York University (NYU), and an internship practicum in a professional art, culture, and performance setting. Students may seek approval to enroll in an additional NYU course.

In the spring semester, students complete four courses taught by Duke faculty in New York City that focus on financial markets, international finance, and associated institutions. Duke reports that students participate in guest lectures, panels, visits to trading floors, and networking opportunities that leverage the proximity to the world's economic center for student career preparation.

Beginning in 2024, Duke modified the summer semester programming to have a rotating faculty and curricular theme. During the summer semester, students complete one or two courses that are taught by Duke faculty in alignment with the rotating theme.

Duke in New York is staffed by a program manager through the Duke University Global Education Office, an on-site resident coordinator, a faculty director for the fall semester, three faculty directors for the spring semester, and a rotating faculty director for the summer term.

Duke reports that the New York program continues to provide its undergraduate students with global engagement opportunities and learning experiences that are not available through their coursework on campus at Duke. In altering the tracks to have the summer offering be rotational, Duke states that they have expanded the opportunity to a larger population of students and increased faculty engagement. Over the initial five-year term of permission to operate, Duke reports that 107 students have participated in the program, with 52% of participating students completing their undergraduate program requirements and the remaining 48% of students persisting in their academic programs. Duke anticipates that 36 students will enroll annually across the three different semester offerings in the upcoming term.

Related Regents Items

[March 2020: Permission to Operate – Duke University](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/320brca2.pdf)
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Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents renew Duke University's permission to offer courses applicable to its undergraduate degree programs. This approval will be effective for a five-year period beginning on April 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2030.

Timetable for Implementation

Subsequent renewals of this permission to operate, if sought, will be subject to the terms of Section 3.56 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. If Duke University seeks to renew its permission to operate after its current term, it must notify the Department no later than March 31, 2029.