

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Cornell University Institutional Reauthorization

RECOMMENDATION

Cornell University meets the Chancellor's standards, and the staff recommend continued institutional authorization through December 2017, to coincide with the institution's next periodic review with the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The Chancellor may, in his judgment, withdraw authorization or require additional review if the university fails to continue to meet the Chancellor's standards for authorization or is sanctioned by the Middle States Commission on Higher education.

Profile: Cornell University, located in Ithaca, New York, is a private research university with a land-grant mission, committed to leadership in research and education. The institution was chartered as New York's land-grant university in 1865 by an act of the New York legislature. Cornell University has more than 22,000 undergraduate and graduate students and offers certificates/diplomas, baccalaureate degrees, master's degrees, doctoral and professional degrees.

Accreditation/Authorization: Cornell University is regionally accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation for many of its professional programs, including the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The university has been authorized by the Chancellor since July 2005.

Program Offerings: Cornell University is authorized to deliver the Cornell-Queens Executive Master of Business Administration in Ohio. The program is predominantly offered through distance learning and is available at many locations across the United States and in Canada.

Institutional Changes: Since the university's initial authorization, a new provost (2009) and dean of the Johnson School (business school) were appointed. No other significant changes were reported in the review.

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End of Comment Period: October 12, 2010
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED

Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor
Date

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