
Proposal Evaluation Criteria for closing a Department

The proposals for closing a Department derive from proposals for the rationalization of the academic map or proposals of the institutions, in which these Departments are included. Departments under closure are subject to either a process of merger or absorption by existing related Departments of the same or another Institution and the relevant transitional provisions are applied regarding undergraduate students, staff, and infrastructure. For the positive recommendation to close a Department, one or more of the following criteria must be met.

Criteria for closing a Department

1. Low attractiveness or preference by candidates
2. High student dropout rates due to transfers or departures
3. Low student performance and low graduation rate
4. Scientific field, which:
 - a. does not lead to clearly defined academic and professional qualifications of graduates
 - b. is not independently determined by the recognized scientific fields of UNESCO classification (ISCED F 2013)
 - c. is overlapped by other fields related to the same, or other Institutions within the same geographical region
 - d. is a repetition of the scientific field of other related Departments in a oversaturated scientific branch
 - e. is characterized by low demand for graduates in labor market and significant unemployment rates
5. The educational needs are not covered by sufficient and of related specialty permanent teaching staff
6. The basic needs for infrastructure and learning environment in buildings, halls, laboratories, equipment, and support services for undergraduate students are not covered
7. The needs for administrative services, administrative staff and access to main university structures are not covered
8. It is characterized by geographical isolation or distance from the main university facilities or from other School Departments
9. The Study Programme has not been accredited
10. The external evaluation has resulted in partial compliance with the standard.