

“WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?” UNDERSTANDING PRE-ESTIMATION DECISIONS

Yes Approved: Your course has been pre-approved for credit. No further action is needed at this time.

New Course Waiting for Approval: Departments/programs have not yet reviewed your course. It typically takes 2-4 weeks for courses to be reviewed. If your course has not been reviewed more than a month after you submitted it, contact [Global Engagement](#).

Waiting for Course Material or Student Input: The department/program needs more information before they can make a decision. Often, the evaluator will leave a comment about the information still needed. If you have questions about what material or input is needed, contact the department/program. Upload additional materials following **Pre-Departure Step #4**, then notify the department/program that the course can be reviewed again. If you cannot reach the department/program or find the requested information, contact [Global Engagement](#).

Blank: The department/program cannot approve credit because the course does not meet their requirements. Choose another department/program to request credit from (sometimes OCST is the only option). Inform [Global Engagement](#) of your choice; GEO will then resubmit your course to the new department/program for review.

Not Approved: Your course cannot be approved for credit by any department/program at Swarthmore. If a course receives this decision, notify [Global Engagement](#), so that GEO can check whether this status is correct. If it is, you will not receive credit for the course and are not permitted to take the course. Email [Global Engagement](#) to confirm that you will not take the course, then GEO will remove the course from the system.