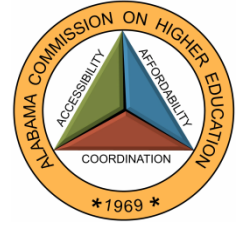




## Alabama Commission on Higher Education

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September 14, 2022

James Dalton, Ph.D.  
Executive Vice President and Provost  
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Dear Dr. Dalton:

At its meeting on September 9, 2022, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education approved the following academic items for the University of Alabama:

### NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

- Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience (CIP 26.1501)
- Bachelor of Science in Sport Management (CIP 31.0504)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Cyber Security (CIP 52.1206)

In addition, the following information item was accepted by the Commission:

### UPDATES TO UNITS OF INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH, PUBLIC SERVICE, AND ADMINISTRATION:

- Establishment of the Holle Center of Communication Arts as a New Unit of Research and Practice

These items will be available on the Commission website: <http://ache.edu/MeetingDt.aspx>. For your convenience, we have enclosed a copy of the post-implementation requirements for the approved academic programs.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on matters related to Alabama higher education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin E. McGill".

Robin E. McGill, Ph.D.  
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs

Enclosures

CC: Dr. Tonjanita Johnson  
Dr. Ginger Bishop  
Dr. Carmen Jones  
Ms. Shirrell Perryman  
Ms. Kristan White

DECISION ITEM: University of Alabama, Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience (CIP 26.1501)

Staff Presenter: Dr. Robin McGill  
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs

Staff Recommendation: That the Commission approve the proposed Bachelor of Science (BS) in Neuroscience.

The program will have the implementation date and post-implementation conditions listed below:

**Implementation Date:** The proposed program will be implemented in Fall 2023. Based on Commission policy, the proposed program must be implemented by September 13, 2025, or Commission approval will expire. The institution must notify the Commission in writing when the program is implemented or if there is any delay in implementation.

**Post-Implementation Conditions:**

1. That the annual average new enrollment headcount beginning in 2024-25 will be at least 35, based on the proposal.
2. That the annual average number of graduates for the period 2026-27 through 2029-30 (four-year average) will be 7.5, based on the adopted graduation requirements as stated in the Code of Alabama 16-5-8(a)(2).
3. That the existing BA/BS in Psychology (CIP 42.0101) will continue to maintain viability in keeping with the adopted graduation requirements as stated in the Code of Alabama 16-5-8(a)(2).
4. That information regarding an overall assessment of the program be provided, particularly as related to objectives and assessment measures stated in the proposal, including data on graduates' acceptance into master's and doctoral programs and/or related employment.

The University of Alabama (UA) will be required to phase out the program if any of the post-implementation conditions are not met. The institution must present documentation regarding the post-implementation conditions, as well as a general assessment of the program, in a report submitted to the Commission no later than September 1, 2030.

Background: The Code of Alabama, 16-5-8 (c) states that the governing boards of public institutions of higher education in this state and the campuses under their governance or supervision shall not undertake the establishment of a new unit or program of instruction for academic credit with state funds before submitting plans for the new unit or program to the Commission for its review, evaluation, and approval.

**DECISION ITEM:**

University of Alabama, Bachelor of Science in Sport Management (CIP 31.0504)

**Staff Presenter:**

Dr. Robin McGill  
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs

**Staff Recommendation:**

That the Commission approve the proposed Bachelor of Science (BS) in Sport Management.

The program will have the implementation date and post-implementation conditions listed below:

**Implementation Date:** The proposed program will be implemented in Fall 2023. Based on Commission policy, the proposed program must be implemented by September 13, 2025, or Commission approval will expire. The institution must notify the Commission in writing when the program is implemented or if there is any delay in implementation.

The program will have the implementation date and post-implementation conditions listed below:

**Post-Implementation Conditions:**

1. That the annual average new enrollment headcount beginning in 2024-25 will be at least 30, based on the proposal.
2. That the annual average number of graduates for the period 2025-26 through 2029-30 (five-year average) will be 7.5, based on the adopted graduation requirements as stated in the Code of Alabama 16-5-8(a)(2).
3. That the existing BS in Hospitality Management (CIP 52.0901) continue to maintain viability in keeping with the adopted graduation requirements as stated in the Code of Alabama 16-5-8(a)(2).
4. That information regarding an overall assessment of the program be provided, particularly as related to objectives and assessment measures stated in the proposal, including also data on related employment and/or acceptance into a graduate program.

The University of Alabama (UA) will be required to phase out the program if any of the post-implementation conditions are not met. The institution must present documentation regarding the post-implementation conditions, as well as a general assessment of the program, in a report submitted to the Commission no later than September 1, 2030.

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**DECISION ITEM:** University of Alabama, Bachelor of Science in Business Cyber Security (CIP 52.1206)

**Staff Presenter:** Dr. Robin McGill  
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs

**Staff Recommendation:** That the Commission approve the proposed Bachelor of Science (BS) in Business Cyber Security.

The program will have the implementation date and post-implementation conditions listed below:

**Implementation Date:** The proposed program will be implemented in Fall 2023. Based on Commission policy, the proposed program must be implemented by September 13, 2025, or Commission approval will expire. The institution must notify the Commission in writing when the program is implemented or if there is any delay in implementation.

The program will have the implementation date and post-implementation conditions listed below:

**Post-Implementation Conditions:**

1. That the annual average new enrollment headcount beginning 2024-25 will be at least 9.2, based on the proposal.
2. That the annual average number of graduates for the period 2024-25 through 2029-30 (six-year average) will be 7.5, based on the adopted graduation requirements as stated in the Code of Alabama 16-5-8(a)(2).
3. That information regarding an overall assessment of the program be provided, particularly as related to objectives and assessment measures stated in the proposal, including also data on related employment and/or acceptance into a doctoral program.

The University of Alabama (UA) will be required to phase out the program if any of the post-implementation conditions are not met. The institution must present documentation regarding the post-implementation conditions, as well as a general assessment of the program, in a report submitted to the Commission no later than September 1, 2030.

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