



Alabama Commission on Higher Education

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James Dalton, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Dalton:

At its meeting on March 10, 2023, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education approved the following academic items for the University of Alabama:

REQUESTS TO AMEND POST-IMPLEMENTATION CONDITIONS:

- Master of Arts in Religion in Culture (CIP 38.0201) – Modification requested to reflect the actual enrollment achieved over the first five years and deem the program as viable going forward
- Doctor of Philosophy in Geography (CIP 45.0701) – Two-year extension for academic years 2022-23 and 2023-24

In addition, the following information items were accepted by the Commission:

CHANGES TO THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM INVENTORY:

- ~~CIP 45.0701~~ CIP 30.4401 Geography, PhD
- ~~CIP 45.0701~~ CIP 30.4401 Geography, MS
- ~~CIP 45.0701~~ CIP 30.4401 Geography, BA/BS
- ~~CIP 45.0701~~ CIP 45.0702 Geographic Information Systems, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- ~~CIP 52.1302~~ CIP 30.7102 Business Analytics, MS
- CIP 51.2208 Rural Community Health, Undergraduate Certificate (Level 4) (Deletion)

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

- Establishment of the Polymers and Soft Materials (Poly-SM) Research Center as a New Unit of Research
- Establishment of the James C. Kennemer Center for Innovation and Social Impact Research Center as a New Unit of Public Service
- Establishment of the Shelby Institute for Policy and Leadership as a New Public Unit of Public Service
- Change in the Name of the Department of Geography and Planning to the Department of Geography and the Environment, housed in the College of Arts and Sciences
- Discontinuance of the Aging Infrastructure Systems Center of Excellence (AISCE)

EXTENSIONS/ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION:

- Suspension of the Concentration in Software Engineering within the BS in Computer Science (CIP 11.0101)
- Addition of a Concentration in Advanced Drug Delivery to the existing PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies (CIP 30.0000)

A record of these items is available on the Commission website for your reference:

https://ache.edu/?page_id=16173.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin E. McGill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robin" being the most prominent.

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

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