



## Alabama Commission on Higher Education

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June 23, 2023

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

At its meeting on June 9, 2023, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education approved the following new academic programs for the University of Alabama:

### NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences (CIP 24.0101)
- Bachelor of Science in Data Science (CIP 30.7001)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Statistics (CIP 52.1302)

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

### EXTENSIONS/ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION:

- Addition of a Concentration in Energy Systems to the existing MS in Mechanical Engineering (CIP 14.1901)
- Change in the name of the Concentration in Statistics and Optimization within the BS in Mathematics (CIP 27.0101) to the Concentration in Mathematical Statistics and Optimization
- Deletion of the Concentration of Value Investing within the BS in Finance (CIP 52.0801) and adaptation of coursework to a minor

A record of these items is available on the Commission website for your reference:  
[https://ache.edu/?page\\_id=16173](https://ache.edu/?page_id=16173). For your convenience, we have enclosed the post-implementation conditions for the programs that were approved at this meeting.

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

Sincerely,

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

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

DECISION ITEM: B-4a

University of Alabama, Bachelor of Arts in Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences (CIP 24.0101)

Staff Presenter:

Dr. Robin McGill  
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs

Staff Recommendation:

That the Commission approve the proposed Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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 1, 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 40, 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 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.

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: B-4b

University of Alabama, Bachelor of Science in Data Science (CIP 30.7001)

Staff Presenter:

Dr. Robin McGill  
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs

Staff Recommendation:

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

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

**Implementation Date:** The proposed program will be implemented in Fall 2024. Based on Commission policy, the proposed program must be implemented by September 1, 2026, 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 2025-26 will be at least 27.5, based on the proposal.
2. That the annual average number of graduates for the period 2025-26 through 2030-31 (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 the existing BS in Mathematics (CIP 27.0101) 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 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, 2031.

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

DECISION ITEM: B-4c

University of Alabama, Bachelor of Science in Business  
Statistics (CIP 52.1302)

Staff Presenter:

Dr. Robin McGill  
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs

Staff Recommendation:

That the Commission approve the proposed Bachelor of Science (BS) in Business Statistics.

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

**Implementation Date:** The proposed program will be implemented in Fall 2024. Based on Commission policy, the proposed program must be implemented by September 1, 2026, 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 2025-26 will be at least 16.5, based on the proposal.
2. That the annual average number of graduates for the period 2026-27 through 2030-31 (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 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 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, 2031.

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.