



Alabama Commission on Higher Education

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

At its meeting on June 13, 2025, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education approved the following academic program for The University of Alabama:

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

- Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (CIP 14.0501)

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

IMPLEMENTATION OF FOR-CREDIT NON-DEGREE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS:

- Certificate in Adaptive Apparel (CIP 19.0901, Level 1b)
- Graduate Certificate in Archiving and Preservation of Audiovisual Media (CIP 25.0103, Level 6)
- Graduate Certificate in Operational Hydrology (CIP 40.0605, Level 6)
- Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education (CIP 51.3203, Level 6)

CHANGES TO THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM INVENTORY:

- Title and CIP Change: ~~19.0504 Human Nutrition, PhD~~
30.1901 Nutrition Sciences, PhD
- Nomenclature Change: 19.0504 Food and Nutrition, ~~BSHES~~
BS
- Program Level Change: 05.0207 Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, ~~Post-Master~~
Post-Baccalaureate
- Program Level Change: 13.0406 Graduate Certificate in College Teaching, ~~Post-Master~~
Post-Baccalaureate
- Program Level Change: 13.0501 Graduate Certificate in Instructional Technology, ~~Post-Master~~
Post-Baccalaureate
- Program Level Change: 13.0603 Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research, ~~Post-Master~~
Post-Baccalaureate
- Program Level Change: 13.0603 Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Research, ~~Post-Master~~
Post-Baccalaureate
- Program Level Change: 25.0101 Graduate Certificate in Archival Studies, ~~Post-Master~~
Post-Baccalaureate

CURRICULAR MODIFICATIONS FOR EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAMS:

- Addition of a Concentration in Elementary Mathematics Specialist within the existing EdS in Elementary Education (CIP 13.1202)
- Addition of a Concentration in Russian within the existing BA in Foreign Languages and Literature (CIP 16.0101)
- Addition of a Concentration in Data Science within the existing MS in Applied Statistics (CIP 27.0601)
- Addition of a Concentration in Orchestral Conducting within the existing DMA in Music (CIP 50.0901)

UPDATES TO ACADEMIC UNITS REQUIRING NOTIFICATION ONLY:

- Change in the name of the Department of Human Nutrition, Hospitality and Sport Management to the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Establishment of the Department of Hospitality and Sport Management as a new department within the College of Human Environmental Sciences

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

https://ache.edu/?page_id=16173. For your convenience, we have enclosed the post-implementation conditions for the program that was approved at this meeting.

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

Enclosure

CC: Dr. Tonjanita Johnson
Dr. Carmen Coleman
Ms. Shirrell Perryman
Ms. Kristan White

DECISION ITEM: The University of Alabama, Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (CIP 14.0501)

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

Staff Recommendation: That the Commission approve the proposed Master of Science (MS) in Biomedical Engineering.

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

Implementation Date: The proposed program will be implemented in Fall 2027. Based on Commission policy, the proposed program must be implemented by September 1, 2029, 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 2028-29 will be at least 4.7, based on the Commission's "Operational Policy on the Approval of New Programs of Instruction and Requirements for Post-Implementation Monitoring" (Administrative Code §300-2-1-.04).
2. That the annual average number of graduates for the period 2028-29 through 2033-34 (six-year average) will be 3.75, 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 stated in the proposal, including also data on related employment and/or pursuit of doctoral study.

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, 2034.

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.