



Alabama Commission on Higher Education

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

At its meeting on September 13, 2024, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education approved the following academic programs for The University of Alabama:

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

- Bachelor of Science in Informatics (CIP 11.0104)
- Master of Arts in Philosophy (CIP 38.0101)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology and Criminal Justice (CIP 45.0401)
- Bachelor of Science in Real Estate (CIP 52.1501)

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

IMPLEMENTATION OF FOR-CREDIT NON-DEGREE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS:

- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Youth Literature and Services (CIP 25.0102, Level 6)

CHANGES TO THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM INVENTORY:

- LLM in Law (Concentrations in Business Transactions and Taxation) (CIP 22.0211) – Inactivation Requested
- JM in Taxation (CIP 22.0211) – Deletion Requested

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 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

Enclosures

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

DECISION ITEM:

University of Alabama, Bachelor of Science in Informatics
(CIP 11.0104)

Staff Presenter:

Dr. Robin McGill
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs

Staff Recommendation:

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

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

Implementation Date: The proposed program will be implemented in Fall 2025. Based on Commission policy, the proposed program must be implemented by September 1, 2027, 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 2026-27 will be at least 9.4, 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 2026-27 through 2031-32 (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 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, 2032.

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, Master of Arts in Philosophy
(CIP 38.0101)

Staff Presenter:

Dr. Robin McGill
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs

Staff Recommendation:

That the Commission approve the proposed Master of Arts (MA) in Philosophy.

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

Implementation Date: The proposed program will be implemented in Fall 2025. Based on Commission policy, the proposed program must be implemented by September 1, 2027, 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 2026-27 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 2026-27 through 2031-32 (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 acceptance into a research or professional doctorate 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, 2032.

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, Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology and Criminal Justice (CIP 45.0401)

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

Staff Recommendation: That the Commission approve the proposed Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

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

Implementation Date: The proposed program will be implemented in Fall 2026. Based on Commission policy, the proposed program must be implemented by September 1, 2028, 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 2.8, 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 2027-28 through 2032-33 (six-year average) will be 2.25, 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.

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, 2033.

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 Real Estate (CIP 52.1501)

Staff Presenter:

Dr. Robin McGill
Deputy Director for Academic Affairs

Staff Recommendation:

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

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

Implementation Date: The proposed program will be implemented in Fall 2025. Based on Commission policy, the proposed program must be implemented by September 1, 2027, 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 2026-27 will be at least 9.4, 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 2026-27 through 2031-32 (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 stated in the proposal, including also data on related employment, licensure pass rates, and/or acceptance into graduate 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, 2032.

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.