

**EXCERPT FROM THE PRELIMINARY REPORT
OF THE REAFFIRMATION COMMITTEE**

Statement Regarding the Report

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is responsible for making the final determination on reaffirmation of accreditation based on the findings contained in this committee report, the institution's response to issues contained in the report, other assessments relevant to the review, and application of the Commission's policies and procedures. Final interpretation of the Principles of Accreditation and final action on the accreditation status of the institution rest with SACSCOC Board of Trustees.

Name of the Institution: **University of South Carolina - Columbia**

Date of the Review: **November 3-4, 2020**

SACSCOC Staff Member: **Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover**

Chair of the Committee: **Dr. Timothy S. Brophy**
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3.1.b

Coursework for Degrees

3.1 An institution seeking to gain or maintain accredited status

- 3.1.b offers all course work required for at least one degree program at each level at which it awards degrees.** (For exceptions, see SACSCOC policy “Documenting an Alternative Approach.”)
(*Course work for degrees*) [CR]

Compliance

The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee found support for the institution’s case for compliance.

The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee reviewed documentation that the institution provides instruction for all course work required for each degree program at each level at which the institution awards degrees. The institution provided evidence of the availability of such instruction through degree program examples at the associate, bachelor’s, graduate certificate, master’s, specialist, and doctoral levels. Professional program exemplars included the Juris Doctor, Doctor of Medicine, and Doctor of Pharmacy. The institution does not arrange for instruction to be provided by other accredited institutions or entities through contracts or consortia, nor does the institution use alternative approaches to meeting this requirement. For all undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs degree and course requirements and options were documented in the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Studies Bulletin and the 2019-2020 Graduate Studies Bulletin. The catalogs contain complete degree plans that list courses available to fulfill all degree requirements.