



March 6, 2026

Dr. Michael Amiridis
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Dear Dr. Amiridis:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:
Program Closure
Bachelor of Arts in Film and Media Studies
Submission date:
9/25/2025
Intended Implementation date:
10/1/2025
Case ID:
SC033438

SACSCOC requested additional information via email on November 6, 2025. The institution's response on December 12, 2025, was added to the record and is reflected in the narrative below.

At the time the decision was made to close the program in December 2023, several students were enrolled in the program. The Film and Media Studies program merged in Spring 2024 with the Bachelor of Arts in Media Arts.

Students were given options to complete their program with minimal disruptions. All coursework required for the program will continue to be offered in order to allow students to complete their program. Students can either finish the Film and Media Studies program or transition to the newly merged program.

The institution community were notified of the program closure email, direct mail, the website, and staff and faculty meetings. Current students were notified of the program closure via a letter from their advisor. Incoming students were informed of the change via a letter on March 20, 2025. Lapsed students will be notified upon their attempt to re-enroll and will be advised to enroll in the Media Arts program. Prospective students will be informed of the closure by admissions staff upon inquiry where they will be provided guidance on alternative program. They will also be informed through removal of the program in the catalog, website, brochures, and marketing materials (both print and online). Faculty were involved in the decision to no longer offer the program.

No students will incur any additional costs.

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No faculty or staff will be impacted by the closure.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Bachelor of Arts in Film and Media Studies.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Kelli V. Mckeone at (404) 994-6545 or via email at kmckeone@sacscoc.org.

Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.

Sincerely,



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President

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