



Office of the Executive Vice President for
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Dr. Kevin Sightler, Director of Substantive Change
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Sightler:

This letter serves as a notification to the Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges to terminate the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program.

B.A.I.S, Interdisciplinary Studies

- The program has not had any students enrolled for several years.
- Closure of the program was communicated to faculty, staff and students through several forms of communication (via email, direct mail, face-to-face, advisors, website, and staff and faculty meetings).
- There will be no direct impact to faculty and staff because of this closure as there is sufficient work and responsibilities for faculty and staff after closing this program.

The University of South Carolina Columbia will terminate the program effective Fall 2025.

The University has provided details of the teaching out plan below:

- **The date on which the decision was made to close the program:** The College decided to close the program on November 1, 2024.
- **A description of how prospective students will be notified of the closure:** The program has not admitted students for at least 3 years. A note is already in the Academic Bulletin stating that the major is not accepting students.
- **A description of how lapsed students were/will be notified of the closure:** There have not been any students enrolled in the program that have lapsed and should be notified.
- **A description of how the faculty and staff associated with the program were informed of the closure:** As interdisciplinary programs, all faculty were joint-appointed with other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. They were notified via a faculty meeting with the College's Dean.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

Donna Arnett

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost