



November 12, 2024

Dr. Michael Amiridis
President
University of South Carolina - Columbia
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Dear Dr. Amiridis:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Dual Academic Award

Master of International Business and the Masters in Financial Management, Masters in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Masters in General Management: Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence, Masters in Marketing and Digital Transformation, Masters in General Management, or Masters in International Management and Strategy

Submission date:

10/10/2024

Intended Implementation date:

8/1/2024

Case ID:

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University of South Carolina – Columbia (USC Columbia) has entered into an agreement to offer a dual academic award with the Vlerick Business School, Ghent, Belgium, institution to earn a Master of International Business from USC Columbia and a Masters in Financial Management, Masters in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Masters in General Management: Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence, Masters in Marketing and Digital Transformation, Masters in General Management, or Masters in International Management and Strategy from Vlerick Business School.

A copy of the signed Cooperation Agreement was provided that included the required disclaimer statement and the terms, scope, and responsibilities of each institution. Eligibility criteria to participate in the program and a schedule of courses/locations for students participating in the arrangement were noted and included coursework at the USC Columbia and Vlerick Business School. Each participating student is subject to the tuition/fees published annually by USC Columbia and Vlerick Business School, and students are provided assistance and guidance through the appropriate offices of USC Columbia and Vlerick Business School regarding their applications.

Courses taken at the Vlerick Business School may be applied to the Master of International Business degree as transfer credit. As affirmed, the academic awards granted by USC Columbia comply with Standard 9.5.

The following contact information for the principal party at each institution was provided:



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The institution is reminded that, if additional programs are added to the dual degree agreement, it must provide an updated agreement with appropriate notification. The institution is obligated to notify SACSCOC and provide an agreement for each additional dual degree program, even if the institution has already notified SACSCOC about an earlier agreement with the same institution/entity.

We accept notification of the dual academic award agreement between the institution and Vlerick Business School to offer the Master of International Business and the Masters in Financial Management, Masters in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Masters in General Management: Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence, Masters in Marketing and Digital Transformation, Masters in General Management, or Masters in International Management and Strategy.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Kelli V. Randall at 404-994-6545 or via email at krandall@sacscoc.org.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W. Sightler".

Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.
Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Mr. Donald Miles, Executive Director Institutional Research, Assessment, and Analytics,
University of South Carolina - Columbia
Dr. Kelli V. Randall, Vice President, SACSCOC