



August 1, 2025

Dr. Michael Amiridis
President
University of South Carolina - Columbia
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Columbia, SC 29208

Dear Dr. Amiridis:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Program Closure

Graduate Certificate in S.L.I.S. Library and Information Science

Submission date:

5/12/2025

Intended Implementation date:

5/30/2025

Case ID:

SC031542

SACSCOC requested additional information via email on June 23, 2025. The institution's response on July 11, 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 November 2024, four students were enrolled in the program.

The students were given options for completing their program with minimal disruption. The current students will receive academic advising throughout the teach-out period and will complete the program May 2028.

The institutional community, including faculty, staff, and students, was informed of the closure of the program via email, direct mail, face-to-face meetings, advisors, website, and staff and faculty meetings. There are no students with lapsed enrollment in the program. Any prospective students will be informed of the program closure via a notification on the program website that the program would not be accepting new application effective January 2025. Faculty and staff were notified of the change via participation in the decision to close the program

No students will incur additional costs as a result of the change.

No faculty or staff will be affected by the program closure.



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The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the late closure of the Graduate Certificate in S.L.I.S Library and Information Science.

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 "Stephen L. Pruitt".

Stephen L. Pruitt, Ph.D.
President

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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