



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 notification to the Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges to terminate the S.L.I.S Library and Information Science program.

**S.L.I.S. Library and Information Science**

- The S.L.I.S was created to support “Master’s +30” students who have a master’s degree and needed additional credits for promotion in their career.
- This program had chronic low enrollment and is not a terminal degree.
- The current students will finish May 2028 and admissions were halted as of January 2025.
- 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 Spring 2025.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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