



October 28, 2025

Dr. Kevin Sightler
Substantive Change Office
SACS Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Re: Notification – New Program – Undergraduate Certificate in Computational Social Science

Dear Kevin,

Please accept this letter as notification of a new program, the undergraduate certificate in Computational Social Science, beginning August 17, 2026.

The undergraduate certificate in Computational Social Science, with 25% new course content, will be offered as a stand-alone program. This program will be offered face-to-face at the main Knoxville campus. Please contact me if you need more information.

Sincerely,

Heather Hartman, Ph.D.
Associate Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness
and SACSCOC Liaison

Cc: Donde Plowman, Chancellor
John Zomchick, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor
Beth Avery Foster, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Robert Hinde, Interim Executive Dean, College of Arts and Sciences