



February 20, 2026

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

Re: Add Online Method of Delivery

Dear Dr. Madden,

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville will add a method of instructional delivery to an existing program and is providing notification prior to implementation.

1. The name of the program: Forestry
2. The credential to be awarded: Master of Science
3. The instructional level: Master
4. The method of delivery to be added: Distance Education (The institution has been approved for online delivery since 1998.)
5. The intended implementation date: August 17, 2026

Please let me know if you need more information.

Sincerely,

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