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February 4, 2022

Dr. Donde Ashmos Plowman
Chancellor
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Dear Dr. Plowman:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Program Closure

Master of Law (L.L.M.) in United States Business Law

Submission date:

10/14/2021

Intended Implementation date:

10/14/2021

Case ID:

SC016085

The institution is closing the Master of Law (L.L.M.) degree program in United States Business Law that was initially designed for students who received a degree in law from a foreign institution prior to enrolling in the program. Upon completion of the LLM degree, those students were then eligible to sit for the Tennessee Bar Exam. As attorney licensing rules in Tennessee have made it more difficult for students in the program's primary market to sit for the exam, they are no longer interested in the program. After studying possible strategies to change and revive the program, the faculty decided to close the program.

No students have been enrolled in the program since the 2016-2017 academic year; therefore, there are no students to notify of the closure, and no students are impacted. Faculty members were involved in the decision to close the program through the customary curricular process. No staff members will be impacted by the closure. Faculty and staff will be engaged in supporting other programs in the College of Law. The College of Law's accreditor, the American Bar Association, has been notified of the program closure.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Master of Law (L.L.M.) degree program in United States Business Law.



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Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Denise Y. Young at 404-492-5386 or via email at dyoung@sacscoc.org.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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