



October 6, 2016

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Please accept this letter as notification of intent to phase out the current program, the Bachelor of Science in Human Performance, effective May 31, 2017. The B.S. in Human Performance program is a program within the Department of Health & Human Performance. This department is located within the School of Nursing and Health Sciences which is housed within the College of Education and Human Services.

Based on feedback from external reviewers during an academic review of the Health & Human Performance program offerings, it was suggested the B.S. Human Performance program be incorporated as an emphasis under the existing B.S. Kinesiology and Sport Studies program. After discussions with faculty in the department, consultation with the dean of the college, and with the Provost's approval, this program is now being submitted to the Commission as a request for closing. The B.S. in Human Performance will continue as an emphasis under the B.S. in Kinesiology and Sports Studies and all coursework will continue to be offered.

With Interim Provost John Humphreys' approval, this letter serves as a request to the Commission to close the B.S. Human Performance program. A Teach-Out Plan is attached per SACSCOC's Substantive Change Policy.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please contact Dr. Shonda Gibson at 903-886-5743 or Shonda.gibson@tamuc.edu should you have questions.

Sincerely,

Ray M. Keck, III, Ph.D.
Interim President

Enclosure

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Teach-out Plan

B.S. in Human Performance College of Education & Human Services Texas A&M University-Commerce

1. Date of program closure.

May 31, 2017

2. An explanation of how affected parties (students, faculty, staff) will be informed of the impending closure.

The degree programs offered by the Department of Health and Human Performance have been streamlined based on feedback from external reviewers. As a result, the B.S. in Human Performance will be terminated as a separate degree program and offered as a concentration under the B.S. in Kinesiology and Sports Studies degree program. Therefore, new students will be designated under the B.S. in Kinesiology and Sports Studies program but will be able to continue to take the same coursework. Within one week of receiving the SACSCOC approval, emails will be sent out to all current students, faculty, and staff outlining the details of the change in programs. The program directors of the B.S. in Kinesiology and Sports Studies will schedule face-to-face meetings in all kinesiology (HHPK) classes to discuss the changes and answer questions. Flyers will be posted in the Field House and other buildings on campus advertising the change.

3. An explanation of how students will be helped to complete their programs of study with minimal disruption or additional expense.

Individual advising sessions will be scheduled with all current B.S. in Human Performance students to discuss their final coursework. These individual advising sessions will be conducted by the B.S. in Kinesiology and Sports Studies program director/advisor and the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) Mentor Center. No disruption is expected to occur as no courses are being eliminated. All advising sessions will take place before the first day of implementation of the changes to the B.S. in Human Performance and B.S. in Kinesiology and Sports Studies. In addition, students will not incur any additional expense as a result of this change.

4. Signed copies of teach-out agreements with other institutions, if any.

There are no agreements with other institutions regarding this program.