

February 8, 2022

Dr. Kevin Sightler
Director of Substantive Change
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Sightler,

In accordance with the *Substantive Change Policy and Procedures*, I am writing to request SACSCOC approval to close the BA in Art History degree program beginning in the summer 2022 semester when it would close to admission.

This program has consistently had low enrollment (21 or less students since fall 2017 semester) that has also been declining since the fall 2018 semester. As a result, the Department of Art and Design Faculty at the University of Louisville have voted to close the program.

Attached please find the required documents for your review and approval.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Goldstein
Vice Provost / SACSCOC Institutional Liaison

Enclosures: Substantive Change Cover Sheet BA in Art History Program Closure
Teach-out Plan, BA in Art History

Thumb Drive with all documents listed above

cc: Dr. Lori Gonzalez, Interim President of the University of Louisville
Dr. Gerry Bradley, Interim Provost of the University of Louisville

Substantive Change Cover Sheet

1. Complete and submit a Substantive Change Cover Sheet with every substantive change submission.
2. Submit substantive changes as separate submissions except as permitted by policy.
3. Multiple changes in one submission, except as allowed by policy, will be returned.
4. An invoice will be issued, if required, when action is taken; no need to send payment until invoiced.

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

INSTITUTION NAME (NO ABBREVIATIONS)	MAIN CAMPUS CITY + STATE (OR NON-U.S. COUNTRY)
IS THE INSTITUTION CURRENTLY ON REIMBURSEMENT FOR TITLE IV FEDERAL FUNDING? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ▶ If "Yes" see policy for approval process requirements.	OFFICE USE

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RESTRICTION

1. Is the institution currently on Warning, Probation, or Probation for Good Cause?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Was the institution placed on Warning, Probation, or Probation for Good Cause on or after September 3, 2020, and subsequently removed from sanction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Is the institution currently under provisional certification for participation in federal financial aid programs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If ANY are "Yes" the institution is on SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RESTRICTION. Refer to the <i>Substantive Change Policy and Procedures</i> for differential requirements and conditions.		

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TYPE (ONLY USE DESCRIPTIONS DEFINED IN POLICY)	SUBMISSION DATE	IMPLEMENTATION DATE
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE DESCRIPTION		

OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTIONAL SITES /ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS RELATED TO THIS SUBMISSION

	Site Name	Address	City	State	ZIP Code	Country
1.						
2.						
3.						
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5.						

PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS SUBMISSION

	Program Name (to include discipline)	Credential (Diploma, Bachelor of Arts, etc.)	Instructional Level (undergrad/grad)
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2.			
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5.			

SUBMITTED

I certify the information on this form is correct and accurately represents the current status of the institution at the time of submission.

LIAISON or CEO NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	<i>Suggest electronically signing with Adobe Acrobat when complete and before submitting (optional).</i>
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**Bachelor of Arts in Art History
Request for SACSCOC Program Closure Approval**

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Art History is a 121-credit hour undergraduate level degree program housed in the Department of Art and Design in the College of Arts and Sciences (A&S). During the program review process, the Kentucky Council for Postsecondary Education identified the degree program for closure due to low and declining enrollment, low degree conferrals, and low student market demand.

After careful review and consideration, the Art and Design faculty voted to approve a proposal submitted by Professor Mary Carothers, Department Chair, to close the BA in Art History degree program effective summer 2022. The A&S Curriculum Committee and A&S Faculty Assembly both approved the recommendation submitted by the Art and Design faculty. The Art and Design faculty plan to convert the BA in Art History degree program to an Art History track within the BA in Art degree program. The faculty believe this will provide the same educational benefits and curricular rigor to students while best utilizing the pedagogical resources within the unit to fulfill the unit's and institution's strategic plans.

Bachelor of Arts in Art History Enrollment

The number of students enrolled in the BA in Art History has remained low.

BA in Art History Enrollment

Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
18	21	17	15	15

The number of BA in Art History degrees conferred has also remained low.

BA in Art History Degrees Conferred

2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-2020	2020-2021
11	6	6	4	8

I. Students:

As of fall 2021, there are 15 students enrolled in the BA in Art History degree program. Four of those students will complete their degree requirements and graduate in spring 2022. One student is a second-degree senior who has completed the art history requirements and has 15 hours remaining outside the department. The remaining ten students have outstanding credit-hour requirements for degree completion ranging from 21 to 112 hours. All ten students are expected to complete the degree program and graduate by spring 2026. If, for any reason, a student would be unable to complete the program within the 5-year teach-out period, they would be able to transition into the proposed BA in Art with a track in Art History degree program that is being established. Additionally, the courses currently being offered as part of the degree requirements for the BA in Art History will continue to be offered as part of the degree requirements for the BA in Art with a track in Art History degree program.

II. Notification of Faculty & Staff

The proposed program closure has no impact on faculty. The Department of Art and Design will begin to offer a BA in Art with a track in Art History in summer 2022. All Art History and Art faculty will maintain full instructional loads. There will be no impact on departmental staff.

III. Communication Plan

The Department of Art and Design faculty in both Art and Art History were notified of the department's intent to recommend program closure, and it was approved by the faculty. The department chair will notify faculty via e-mail when the substantive change is submitted to SACSCOC in anticipation of the closure being approved. Advisers will be notified of the change, and students currently enrolled in the BA in Art History program will be notified directly via email by the program chair of the program closure and their options to complete the degree requirements. The completion pathway provides students ways to complete the degree based on the official UofL Academic Catalog at the time of their enrollment through spring 2022. Current students will have the choice to stay in the BA in Art History and complete all requirements by spring 2026 or transition to the BA in Art with a track in Art History if they would prefer to obtain that academic degree.

IV. Effective Date

Students will no longer be admitted to the BA in Art History beginning in the summer 2022 term. The BA in Art with a track in Art History will be available for the summer 2022 term.