

Communication of Accreditation Information

The University of Mississippi is committed to providing valid information to accrediting agencies and about its accreditation status to appropriate agencies and constituents. This applies to both the institution's regional accreditation and to the professional accreditation of academic programs and supports policiesⁱ and standardsⁱⁱ of the Mississippi Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL) and Southern Association of Colleges Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) related to accreditation.

The institution maintains transparency regarding the reporting through the following actions.

1. The institution displays its accreditation status to its students, prospective students, alumni, employees, and the public through statements published on its Web page, catalog, and the Student Consumer Disclosures Web page. Language about the regional accreditation status of the institution must conform to the requirements by SACSCOC.
2. The Web sites for off-campus sites display the regional accreditation status, as well as the professional accreditation status of academic programs delivered at these sites. Language about the regional accreditation status of the institution must conform to the requirements by the Southern Association of Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).
3. Changes in accreditation status (regional or professional), including any adverse communications, are provided to the Mississippi IHL office.
4. Changes in professional accreditation status, including any adverse communications, are provided to SACSCOC. Information about current professional accreditation status, including dates of most recent reviews, are provided in periodic compliance reports submitted to SACSCOC.
5. In submitting professional accreditation reports to agencies, the institution commits to providing information about the institution's mission, governance, academic programs, personnel, finances and constituencies. As a means of providing consistent and accurate information to professional accrediting agencies, the academic unit preparing a professional accreditation report will either include in their submission a copy of the attached correspondence, which will be updated annually by the Provost's Office, or will provide such information in the text of their report.

Academic units must provide copies of all professional accreditation reports, including all correspondence between the academic unit and accrediting agency, to the Office of the Provost and the Office of Institutional Research, Effectiveness and Planning (IREP). In addition to maintaining electronic copies of all accreditation reports and correspondence, IREP also serves academic units by providing and verifying data about enrollment, degrees, and faculty.

ⁱ See IHL Policies and Bylaws policies 507 and 508.

ⁱⁱ See SACSCOC standards on **Publication of accreditation status** and **Representation to other agencies**.