



**Public Disclosure:
Vincennes University status changed
from “Accredited” to “Accredited – On Notice”
Effective: November 1, 2018**

The Higher Learning Commission has placed Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana, on Notice. HLC took this action because it determined that the University is at risk of being out of compliance with HLC's Criteria for Accreditation related to Criterion Three-Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support; Criterion Four-Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement; and Criterion Five-Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness.

Notice is a sanction meaning that an accredited institution is at risk of not meeting one or more of HLC's Criteria for Accreditation. While on Notice, the institution remains accredited and has the opportunity to remedy the issues that led to the sanction. The period of Notice is not more than two years.

What This Means for Students

In most cases, other colleges and universities will continue to accept the institution's credits in transfer or for admission to a higher degree program. All colleges and universities define their own transfer and admission policies. Students interested in pursuing a higher degree or transferring should contact the college or university they plan to attend so that they are knowledgeable about their admission and transfer policies.

Noted Criteria for Accreditation

HLC concluded that the University meets, but with concerns, the following:

- Criterion Three, Core Component 3.C, “the institution has the faculty and staff needed for effective high-quality programs and student services”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.B, “the institution demonstrates a commitment to educational achievement and improvement through ongoing assessment of student learning”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.C, “the institution demonstrates a commitment to educational improvement through ongoing attention to retention, persistence, and completion rates in its degree and certificate programs”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.C, “the institution engages in systematic and integrated planning”

Next Steps

The institution is required to provide evidence that it has addressed the issues that led to the sanction, no later than February 1, 2020, in preparation for HLC's on-site evaluation no later than April 2020. In November 2020, the HLC Board of Trustees will determine whether the institution has demonstrated that it is in compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation and whether Notice can be removed.

About the Higher Learning Commission

The Higher Learning Commission accredits approximately 1,000 colleges and universities that have a home base in one of 19 states that stretch from West Virginia to Arizona. HLC is a private, nonprofit accrediting agency. It is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Questions? Contact info@hlcommission.org or call 312.263.0456.