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October 8, 2021

Dr. Harris Pastides  
Interim President  
University of South Carolina - Columbia  
206 Osborne Building  
Columbia, SC 29208

Dear Dr. Pastides:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

**Program Closure**

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Experimental Psychology**

Submission date:

**7/20/2021**

Intended Implementation date:

**8/19/2021**

Case ID:

**SC015207**

The University of South Carolina Columbia is closing the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Experimental Psychology because it is being combined with several other programs into a single Ph.D. program in Psychology, with a concentration in Experimental Psychology. Students who are currently enrolled in the program have been informed of its closure and were given the option of completing their degree as originally planned, or transferring to the Experimental Psychology concentration within the consolidated Ph.D. program. Students will not face disruption or additional expense with either option. Experimental Psychology faculty members will now teach the required courses for the new concentration within the consolidated program, and thus, will not be adversely impacted by the closure.

**The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Experimental Psychology.**

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover at 404-679-4501 or via email at [lthomas-glover@sacscoc.org](mailto:lthomas-glover@sacscoc.org).

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



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*Note:* The SACSCOC substantive change policy was revised in 2020 and updated in March and June 2021. The policy has many new requirements and changes to previous requirements. The *Substantive Change Policy and Procedures* and learning resources are available on the substantive change webpage at [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org).

Sincerely,

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

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

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cc: Mr. Donald Miles, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation, University of  
South Carolina - Columbia  
Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover, Vice President, SACSCOC