Public Disclosure: DeVry University has received an “Under Governmental Investigation” designation  
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The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has imposed a designation of “Under Governmental Investigation” for DeVry University, headquartered in Downers Grove, Illinois. The designation is based on notification of an active investigation by the Attorney General of the State of Massachusetts regarding allegations of fraudulent or deceptive practices.

The purpose of the designation is to inform the public that the investigation by a governmental agency warrants concern from HLC. In seeking to impose the designation, the Commission reaches no conclusion about the merits of the investigation or its possible outcome.

With this designation, HLC also notes that the University late last year settled an investigation with the Federal Trade Commission related to its job placement data. The University reached this settlement without admitting any liability.

While under this HLC designation, DeVry University remains accredited. HLC will review this designation again when there are further developments in the investigation by the Massachusetts Attorney General.

What This Designation Means for Students
The “Under Governmental Investigation” designation indicates that conditions at an accredited college or university raise serious concerns per HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation. The designation remains in place until HLC determines that removal of the designation is warranted.

In most cases, as the University remains accredited, other colleges and universities will continue to review its 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 the admission and transfer policies for that institution.

Next Steps
This designation includes Special Monitoring that requires the University to submit a report every 90 days updating the status of the state investigation and information regarding any new investigations by a state or federal agency. Additionally, HLC retains the authority to schedule an Advisory Visit on campus regarding this issue if deemed appropriate.

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.

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