

**Public Disclosure:
Walden University Removal of
“Under Governmental Investigation” Designation
Effective: May 3, 2021**

The Higher Learning Commission has removed its designation of “Under Governmental Investigation” for Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The designation was assigned on November 9, 2020, based on an open civil investigation into the university that was initiated jointly by the Fraud Section of the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, the Offices of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As of April 23, 2021, the United States Department of Justice declined to intervene in the associated litigation. The HLC designation is no longer necessary.

The purpose of an HLC designation is to inform the public that an institution is being investigated by a governmental agency. The assignment of a designation does not indicate that HLC has independently evaluated or reached any conclusion about the merits of the investigation or its possible outcome.

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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