



**Public Disclosure:
William Jewell College status changed
from “Accredited” to “Accredited – On Probation”
Effective: November 2, 2017**

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has placed William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, on Probation.

HLC took this action because it determined that the College does not meet HLC's Criteria for Accreditation related to institutional resources, governance, institutional planning, and performance improvement as well as other areas of concern outlined below.

What This Means for Students

Probation is a sanction meaning that an accredited institution is no longer in compliance with one or more of HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation. The period of Probation is not more than two years.

While on Probation, the College remains accredited, and it has the opportunity to remedy the issues that led to the sanction. In most cases, other institutions of higher education 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 should contact any institution they plan to attend in the future so they are knowledgeable about the admission and transfer policies for that institution.

Noted Criteria for Accreditation

HLC concluded that the College does not meet the following Criteria for Accreditation:

- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.A, “the institution’s resource base supports its current educational programs and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.B, “the institution’s governance and administrative structures promote effective leadership and support collaborative processes that enable the institution to fulfill its mission”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.C, “the institution engages in systematic and integrated planning”
- Criterion Five, Core Component 5.D, “The institution works systematically to improve its performance”

HLC also concluded the College meets the following Criteria for Accreditation; however, there are concerns about its remaining in compliance in the future:

- Criterion Two, Core Component 2.C, “the governing board of the institution is sufficiently autonomous to make decisions in the best interest of the institution and to assure its integrity”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.A, “the institution demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs”
- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.B, “the institution demonstrates a commitment to educational achievement and improvement through ongoing assessment of student learning”

Next Steps

The institution is required to provide evidence that it has addressed the issues that led to the sanction by March 1, 2019 in preparation for HLC's on-site evaluation no later than May 2019. In November 2019, the HLC Board of Trustees will determine whether the institution has demonstrated that it is in compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation and whether Probation 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.