

Public Disclosure Notice

Wittenberg University Financial Distress Designation

Effective: February 26, 2025

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has assigned a Financial Distress designation to Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, based on information received by HLC from the U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid office indicating that the institution's auditors raised substantial doubt about the institution's ability to continue as a going concern.

A Financial Distress designation is meant to apprise the public that current conditions at an accredited college or university raise potential concerns about its resource base to support its educational programs as required by HLC's Criteria for Accreditation, including Core Component 5.B. HLC does not undertake any independent evaluation of the institution in advance of assigning a designation.

While assigned the designation, Wittenberg University remains accredited.

What the Financial Distress Designation Means for Students

In most cases, colleges and universities will continue to accept the college's credits for transfer and admission to other higher degree programs and institutions. As all colleges and universities define their own transfer credit and admission policies, students interested in other institutions are advised to seek information on individual transfer and admission policies.

Next Steps

The institution will host an Advisory Visit no later than September 2025 on various HLC requirements, including Core Component 5.B. HLC anticipates the designation will remain in place until the Advisory Visit process concludes. Following action on the Advisory Visit by an appropriate decision-making body, HLC will determine whether the designation can be removed or if other action is necessary.

To provide transparency for all stakeholders, HLC publishes a [Directory of Institutions](#) on its website. The directory includes information about a college or university's accreditation status, recent activities and upcoming activities.

About the Higher Learning Commission

The Higher Learning Commission accredits approximately 1,000 colleges and universities in the United States. 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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