

Public Disclosure:
Ohio Valley University status changed
From “Accredited” to “Accredited – Probation”
Effective: June 25, 2020

The Higher Learning Commission has placed Ohio Valley University in Vienna, West Virginia on Probation. HLC took this action because it determined the institution is out of compliance with HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation.

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.

What Probation Means for Students

While on Probation, the institution 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. Student should contact any institution they plan to attend in the future so they are knowledgeable about its admission and transfer policies.

Noted Criteria for Accreditation

HLC concluded that the institution is out of compliance with the following:

- 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.”

HLC also concluded the institution meets, but with concerns, the following:

- Criterion Four, Core Component 4.C, “the institution demonstrates a commitment to educational improvement through ongoing attention to retention, persistence, and completion rates in its degree and certificate programs.”

Next Steps

The University is required to provide evidence that it has addressed these issues by October 1, 2021, in preparation for HLC’s on-site evaluation no later than December 2021. In June 2022, 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.

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