



August 5, 2022

Dr. Mark Rudin
President
Texas A&M University-Commerce
2600 West Neal Street
P. O. Box 3011
Commerce, TX 75428

Dear Dr. Rudin:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:
Program Closure
Master of Science (MS) in Theatre
Submission date:
2/15/2022
Intended Implementation date:
8/29/2022
Case ID:
SC017489

Texas A&M University-Commerce requests closure of the Master of Science (MS) degree in Theatre, effective fall 2022. The Master of Art (MA) in Theatre degree will still be offered and available to students.

The closure of the MS degree program was communicated to Theatre faculty and staff via an email from the Director of Theatre Graduate Studies, as well as through further clarification, when needed, and during formally scheduled faculty meetings. The Theatre faculty unanimously voted to pursue the elimination of the MS degree as the MA degree is a more contemporarily recognizable Theatre degree to other institutions and future employers.

No faculty or staff will be redeployed or need to find new employment due to the closure of the MS in Theatre degree.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Master of Science (MS) in Theatre.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Denise Y. Young at (404) 492-5386 or via email at dyoung@sacscoc.org.



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Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Ricky Dobbs, Associate Provost, Texas A&M University-Commerce
Dr. Denise Y. Young, Vice President, SACSCOC