

Compliance with State Authorization Provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as Amended, 20 USC §§1070-1099 and Implementing Regulations

On October 29, 2010, the United State Department of Education (USDOE) released new “program integrity” rules. The following regulations are effective July 1, 2011:

“An institution described under §§600.4, 600.5, and 600.6 is legally authorized by a State if the State has a process to review and appropriately act on complaints concerning the institution including enforcing applicable State laws, and the institution meets the provisions of paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a) (1)(ii), or (b) of this section.....

If an institution is offering postsecondary education through distance or correspondence education to students in a State in which it is not physically located or in which it is otherwise subject to State jurisdiction as determined by the State, the institution must meet any State requirements for it to be legally offering postsecondary distance or correspondence education in that State. An institution must be able to document to the Secretary the State’s approval upon request.”¹

ALABAMA’S PUBLIC SENIOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Authority and oversight of Alabama’s public institutions of higher education is vested in Boards of Trustees as referenced in the Alabama Constitution and legislative acts as cited in the Code of Alabama of 1975.² Alabama’s public four-year institutional contacts for student complaints are as follows:

<p>Alabama A&M University Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees Ala. Code §16-49-1 et seq. (1975)</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>Alabama State University Alabama State University Board of Trustees Ala. Code §16-50-1 et seq. (1975)</p> <p>TBA</p>
<p>Auburn University System Auburn University Board of Trustees Ala. Const. of 1901, art. XIV, §266 Ala. Code §16-48-1 et seq. (1975)</p> <p>Office of the Provost provost@auburn.edu 334-844-5771</p>	<p>Auburn University at Montgomery Auburn University Board of Trustees Ala. Const. of 1901, art. XIV, §266 Ala. Code §16-48-1 et seq. (1975)</p> <p>Dr. Jeffery M. Barksdale Associate Provost 334-244-3600</p>

¹ 34 CFR Parts 600, 602, 603 et al. (2010) (Program Integrity Issues, Final Rule)

² *The Alabama Commission on Higher Education is the coordinating board for higher education in this state. The Commission exercises no governing and limited regulatory authority over Alabama’s public institutions. Ala. Code §16-5-1 et seq. (1975)*

<p align="center">Jacksonville State University Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees Ala. Code §16-56-1 et seq. (1975)</p> <p align="center">Dr. Rebecca O. Turner Provost/Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs</p>	<p align="center">Troy University Troy University Board of Trustees Ala. Code §16-56-1 et seq. (1975)</p> <p align="center">Dr. Lance Tatum Vice Chancellor of Global Campus ltatum@troy.edu 334-670-3000</p>
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ALABAMA'S PUBLIC TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The Alabama legislature vests oversight of the public two-year institutions (the Alabama Community College System) in the Alabama State Board of Education.

The Alabama Community College System
Alabama State Board of Education
(Administrative Offices: Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education)
Ala. Code §16-60-1 et seq. (1975)

The link for reporting student complaints to the Alabama Community College System is <http://www.accs.cc/complaintform.aspx>.

ALABAMA'S PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

All private (non-public) institutions of higher education are subject to the Alabama Private School License Law, enacted in 1971 and amended by the Alabama Legislature on several occasions. This law is administered by the Division of Licensure of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education. Ala. Code §16-46-1 et seq. (1975) Contact information for student complaints is available through:

Private School Licensure Division
Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education
334-293-4651

Alabama's private institutions of higher education may be nonprofit or for profit. The following private, nonprofit institutions have been chartered by the Alabama Legislature and operate under the governance of identified Boards of Trustees (Directors). A link for each of these institutions is listed below:

Birmingham-Southern College www.bsc.edu	Faulkner University www.faulkner.edu
Huntingdon College www.huntingdon.edu	Judson College www.judson.edu
Miles College www.miles.edu	Samford University www.samford.edu
Selma University www.selmauniversity.org	Spring Hill College www.shc.edu
Stillman College www.stillman.edu	Talladega College www.talladega.edu
Tuskegee University www.tuskegee.edu	University of Mobile www.umobile.edu

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