

**Public Disclosure
Walden University
Designation: Governmental Investigation
Effective: November 27, 2023
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The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has assigned a Governmental Investigation designation to Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, based on an investigation initiated by the U.S. Department of Education related to the institution's doctoral programs.

The purpose of a Governmental Investigation designation is to apprise the public of an ongoing investigation by a federal or state entity, regardless of its merits. In assigning the designation, HLC reaches no conclusion about the merits of the investigation or its possible outcome. HLC intends for the designation to remain in place until the investigation is concluded or sufficient information is available for HLC to conclude that the designation is no longer warranted.

While under the designation, the University remains accredited.

What the Governmental Investigation Designation Means for Students

In most cases, colleges and universities will continue to accept the University'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 University is required to file a report with HLC on the status of the investigation beginning on March 26, 2024, and periodically thereafter. HLC will review the reports on receipt and determine whether the designation should remain in place or if other action is necessary.

About the Higher Learning Commission

The Higher Learning Commission accredits approximately 1,000 colleges and universities throughout the United States. HLC is a private, nonprofit accrediting agency that 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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