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The following changes are incorporated into and made a part of the Graduate Bulletin, Volume 14A, and reflect changes to this Volume that become effective May 1, 2016. By signing the catalog receipt form, students agree to abide by these changes.

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS: Change Master of Legal Studies (MLS) to Master of Science in Legal Studies (MSLS)

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ASSESSMENT PROCESS: Change the last paragraph of the section to read: An additional requirement for admission into the Master of Science in Legal Studies (MSLS) program includes a personal statement, a resume, and an interview via web-conferencing with the MLS admission committee who will make the final admissions decision.

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SEMESTER HOUR OF CREDIT

Remove the last sentence.

Replace the third paragraph with the following: Students enrolled in an SPL program will be assessed a flat tuition rate for a six month subscription to the program. The subscription includes all university and proctoring fees as well as the cost of selected e-textbooks required for SPL courses. Students are required to complete an interview with the program chair or designee to discuss policies, procedures, course sequencing, e-textbooks available, and liberal arts courses offered. Students then complete a memorandum of understanding before registration.

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COURSE OPTIONS: Replace the paragraph with the following: Programs may be delivered at Hodges University in a traditional classroom setting, online or a combination thereof. Courses at Hodges University are offered in the following delivery formats.

TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM LECTURES COURSES

- Lecture: Courses offered in a traditional 15-week format on campus, meeting one time per week.
- Mini-term Lecture: Courses offered in a mini-term accelerated format. These courses meet once per week for 7 ½ weeks and have an online component.
- Wheel programs: Programs may deliver coursework in a “wheel” format each 15-week semester. This format requires extensive outside study as preparation for comprehensive in-class development of the material. The student must commit to the entire program format each semester, sign an Accelerated Program of Study Form, and complete and pass all three courses each term or repeat the entire semester.

- Technology-enhanced courses: Technology-enhanced courses meet on campus either for 15 or 7 ½ weeks, and lectures are streamed live for online students. The lectures are then uploaded for online students to view after the courses meet.

ONLINE COURSES

Online courses are equivalent to the courses offered in the traditional classroom.

- Online classes may be offered as a 15-week course or an accelerated 7 ½-week course. All online courses require the completion of an online proctored final exam.
- Self-paced courses are delivered fully online in a self-paced format. Refer to the Self-Paced Learning section of the catalog for more information. Proctored final exams may be required in these courses.

BLENDED COURSES

Blended courses include classroom meetings and an online component. Students attend week 1 in classroom and the syllabus will list weeks for online or in class meetings.

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MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES: Change program to Master of Science in Legal Studies, and replace entire page with the following:

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LEGAL STUDIES (MSLS)

The Master of Science in Legal Studies (MSLS) is an online degree for professionals who can benefit from legal training but do not wish to practice as an attorney. Designed for non-lawyers, the MSLS improves students’ understanding of U.S. law and explores the relationship between law and various disciplines. This graduate degree was created specifically for those who do not wish to practice law but who will be working regularly with lawyers and legal issues.

Students will gain professional research, writing, and communication skills, negotiation and advocacy skills, and study legal theory and the role of law in American society.

The program is offered in an online format.

MSLS ACADEMIC COURSE STRUCTURE

Graduates of the MSLS program must successfully complete the following courses with an overall GPA of 3.0 and no course grade below a C.

<u>MSLS Component</u>		<u>Semester Hour Credit</u>
LST5011	Legal Environment Seminar	3
LST5220	Intellectual Property	3
LST5530	Ethics and Law	3
LST5650	Governance and Management	3
LST6220	International Law	3
LST6250	Administrative Law	3
LST6300	Regulatory Compliance	3
LST6310	Mediation, Arbitration and Conflict Resolution	3
LST6350	Employment and Human Resources	3
LST6950	Master of Legal Studies Capstone	3

MEANS OF EVALUATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Achievement of course outcomes will be measured by examinations, projects, presentations, and other assignments deemed appropriate by the professor and/or program chair

ESTIMATED DEGREE COMPLETION TIME

A full-time student may complete the Master of Science in Legal Studies program within four terms contingent on availability of courses.

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION: Replace entire page with the following:

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (MHSA)

The Master of Science in Health Services Administration (MHSA) is designed to provide graduate level education to individuals who are capable of assuming leadership positions in a variety of health services organizations. Examples of the type of providers include hospitals, community health centers, government and other public sector providers, group practices, health maintenance organizations, home health agencies, long-term care and mental health organizations. The degree is also designed for experienced health care managers seeking to further develop their administrative knowledge, skills and abilities to enhance their contributions to the health care industry.

MHSA PROGRAM OF STUDY

The total program consists of 30 semester hours at the graduate level taken in a convenient online format, allowing full time working professionals to complete their graduate education without interruption to their careers. The learning is current, accelerated and designed to facilitate success in a rapidly changing and increasingly competitive healthcare environment.

All courses are offered in a 7.5 week format online.

MHSA ACADEMIC COURSE STRUCTURE

Graduates of the MHSA program must successfully complete the following courses with an overall GPA of 3.0 and no course grade below a C.

		<u>Semester Hour Credit</u>
<u>Health Administration Component</u>		
HSA5205	Evaluation and Management of Healthcare	3
HSA6040	Healthcare Leadership	3
HSA6015	Financial Management of Healthcare Organizations	3
HSA6030	Strategic Planning in Healthcare	3
HSA6211	Healthcare Informatics	3
HSA6055	Quality Management	3
HSA6010	Public Health Interventions in the 21 st Century	3
HSA6070	Healthcare & Organizational Behavior	3
HSA6xxx	MHSA Elective	3
HSA6800	Capstone Course	3
Total Health Administration Component		30

		<u>Semester Hour Credit</u>
	MHSA Electives include:	
HSA6072	Long Term Care Administration	3
HSA6074	Policy and Politics in Healthcare	3
HSA6096	Directed Study in Healthcare	3

Total Semester Hours Required for Graduation **30**

MEANS OF EVALUATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Achievement of course objectives will be measured by examinations, projects and other measurements deemed appropriate by the professor, graduate program chair and/or academic dean.

ESTIMATED DEGREE COMPLETION TIME

The MHSA program is designed to be delivered on line and in an accelerated class format. Students taking classes in the accelerated format will have extensive outside preparation. The program may be completed in four trimesters.

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CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Add the following:

CERTIFICATE IN LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATION (NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION)

The online Graduate Certificate in Long Term Care Administration (Nursing Home Administration) is a certificate that provides a theoretical and practical foundation in long term care administration. The program is designed to educate students in the functions and responsibilities of a licensed nursing facility administrator. The certificate program is 18 semester hours.

Courses taken in the certificate program can later be applied to the Masters of Health Services Administration (MHSA) degree program. This certificate provides the course work required for the Long Term Administrator examination. An additional 650 hour internship or Administer-in-Training (AIT) program may be required per state requirements. Students will need to identify all state licensing exam requirements prior to starting course work. This certificate does not provide an internship or AIT program.

		<u>Semester Hour Credit</u>
	<u>Long Term Care Component</u>	
HSA5300	Advanced Dynamics of Aging	3
HSA5400	Governmental Standards and Regulation of Long Term Healthcare	3
HSA6070	Healthcare & Organizational Behavior	3
HSA6072	Long Term Healthcare Administration	3
HSA6XX	MHSA Elective	3
	Total Health Administration Component	18

MHSA Long Term Care Track Electives - choose any two:

HSA6010	Healthcare Finance	3
HSA6015	Strategic Planning in Healthcare	3
HSA6030	Healthcare Leadership	3
HSA6040	Long Term Care Administration	3
HSA6055	Quality Management in Healthcare	3
HSA6074	Policy and Politics in Healthcare	3
HSA6211	Healthcare Informatics	3

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: Change, update or add the following course descriptions:

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| LST6300 | Regulatory Compliance
This course is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of the parameters for regulatory compliance, successful approaches to compliance, and meeting the concerns of regulators in a variety of industries. | 3 Credits |
| HSA5300 | Advanced Dynamics of Aging
This course will examine the physiological changes that occur in the aging process and the leading chronic diseases seen in a resident population. The course will also cover aspects of cognitive functioning and impairments suffered by many older adults. To successfully lead a long term care organization, administrators should be able to recognize the need for programs to support residents suffering from these health issues and support and assist their staff in developing programs for their residents. | 3 Credits |
| HSA5400 | Government Standards and Regulations of Long Term Health Care
Focusing on the regulations for the operation of long term care facilities as promulgated by state and federal governments, this course reviews the minimum requirements for licensure and the standards for long term care facilities. | 3 Credits |

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LEGAL STUDIES COURSES

Change all LEA prefixes to LST.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Change the Ex-Officio to Donald Wortham

Add Gillian Cummings-Beck, Chico's FAS, Inc.

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ADMINISTRATION: Change the President to Donald Wortham.