

July 11, 2025

Pierre Dubuc  
Chief Executive Officer  
OpenClassrooms  
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Dear CEO Dubuc:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning OpenClassrooms (OpenClass) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting June 27, 2025. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Seeking Accreditation Visit 1 to OpenClassrooms March 5-7, 2025 using the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by OpenClassrooms prior to the Seeking Accreditation Visit 1 and the institution's May 5, 2025 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues Zak Waddell, ALO, Senior Manager, US Accreditation and Compliance, Doug Becker, Board Member, Victor Hu, Board Member, and Lisa Skelly, Senior Director of Student Success. Your comments were very helpful in informing the Commission's deliberations. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with WSCUC.

### **Actions**

1. Receive the Seeking Accreditation Visit 1 team report
2. Grant Initial Accreditation for a period of six years
3. Schedule the next reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in fall 2030 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2031
4. Schedule an Interim Report to be submitted by November 1, 2026 to address:
  - a. Board membership.
  - b. Financial profitability.

### **Commendations**

The Commission commends the institution for:

1. Dedication to the mission of open access, workforce development and employability of students.
2. A dynamic and innovative operating model that optimizes and validates student learning.
3. A holistic approach to centralized data collection, analysis, decision-making and quality assurance.

4. Implementation of student support services through mentors, assessors, student success team, and the use of generative AI.

### **Areas for Development**

The Commission requires the institution to respond to the following areas for development:

1. Demonstrate financial stability and sufficient resources to ensure long-term sustainability. (CFR 3.5)
2. Expand the board's membership to include independent board members with relevant expertise. (CFR 3.7, 3.8)

In taking this action to grant Initial Accreditation, the Commission confirmed that OpenClassrooms completed the institutional review process for Initial Accreditation conducted under the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. In keeping with WSCUC values, OpenClassrooms should strive for ongoing improvement with adherence to all Standards of Accreditation and their associated CFRs to foster a learning environment that continuously strives for educational excellence and operational effectiveness.

OpenClassrooms must use the following statement if it wishes to describe its accreditation status publicly:

*OpenClassrooms is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 1080 Marina Village Parkway, Suite 500, Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001.*

Federal law requires that the WSCUC address and phone number appear in your catalog.

The accredited status of a program should not be misrepresented. The accreditation granted by WSCUC refers to the quality of the institution as a whole. Because institutional accreditation does not imply specific accreditation of any particular program at the institution, statements such as "this program is accredited" or "this degree is accredited" are incorrect and misleading. The phrase "fully accredited" is also to be avoided, since no partial accreditation is possible.

The Commission stipulated that this action encompassed the degrees offered by OpenClassrooms at the time of this action, as listed at the end of this letter as the Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees. Any proposed new degree programs, off-campus sites, online offerings, and/or changes in governance or ownership require review and approval through the Substantive Change process. Degree programs reviewed and included under this action may be extended to other currently approved campuses of the institution without prior Substantive Change action. Offerings at new locations may need to go through Substantive Change approval, in accordance with the requirements stated in the Substantive Change manual.

Institutions granted Initial Accreditation are required to:

1. Submit an Annual Report in the format required by the Commission.

2. Keep the Commission informed of any significant changes or developments. Any proposed new degree programs, off-campus sites, online offerings, and/or changes in governance or ownership require review and approval through the Substantive Change process.
3. Pay Annual Membership Dues prorated from the date of this action. An Annual Dues statement will be sent under separate cover.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter is being sent to the chair of OpenClassrooms governing board. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the OpenClassrooms' website and widely distributed throughout the institution to promote further engagement and improvement and to support the institution's response to the specific issues identified in these documents. The team report and the Commission's action letter will also be posted on the WSCUC website. If the institution wishes to respond to the Commission action on its own website, WSCUC will post a link to that response on the WSCUC website.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the extensive work that OpenClassrooms undertook in preparing for and supporting this accreditation review. WSCUC is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter or the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,



A. Maria Toyoda  
President

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Cc: Tracy Poon Tambascia, Commission Chair  
Zac Waddell, ALO  
Louise Rogers, Board Chair  
Members of the Seeking Accreditation Visit 1 team  
Christopher Oberg, Executive Vice President

Attachment: Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees

Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Degree level</b>	<b>Modality</b>
Employment & Professional Development Advisor	Associate	Distance Ed
IT Technician in Installation, Maintenance and Support	Associate	Distance Ed
IT Developer	Associate	Distance Ed
Community Manager	Bachelors	Distance Ed
Data Analyst	Bachelors	Distance Ed
Skills Development Manager	Bachelors	Distance Ed
Software Designer Developer	Bachelors	Distance Ed
Educational Engineering Manager	Bachelors	Distance Ed
System, Network & Security Administrator	Bachelors	Distance Ed
UX Designer	Bachelors	Distance Ed
Expert in Data Science	Masters	Distance Ed
Software Development Expert	Masters	Distance Ed