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## **NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to [M.G.L. c. 69, § 30](#) and the [Massachusetts Board of Higher Education's Policy Establishing a Process for Public Comment](#) that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education will open a comment period relative to **the Articles of Amendment filed by Lasell University to offer the Master of Science in Venue Business and the Master of Science in High Performance Sport.**

Lasell University is a private co-educational institution located in Newton, Massachusetts. Lasell University was founded in 1851 by Edward Lasell, a graduate of Williams College, as the Auburndale Female Seminary. Edward Lasell died of typhoid fever in the school's very first semester, and it was renamed Lasell Female Seminary in his honor. Adoption of the name Lasell Junior College came in 1932, and the College began issuing associate degrees instead of diplomas in 1943. In January 1998, the College amended its charter to include in its mission the education of both men and women. The institution received approval for its first graduate degree in 2002 and changed its name to Lasell University in 2019.

The University currently offers a variety of undergraduate degrees, and the following graduate degrees: Master of Business Management, Master of Education in Elementary Education, Moderate Disabilities, Curriculum, Leadership and Inclusion, Integrative Learning, Montessori Integrative Learning, Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, and Master of Science degrees in the following disciplines: Applied Sports Science Analytics, Athletic Training, Communications, Criminal Justice, Human Resources, Integrated Marketing Communication, Management, Marketing, Medical Sciences, Nutrition for Human Performance, Organizational Leadership, Project Management, Rehabilitation Science, Sport Management.

Department Staff have determined that Lasell University's proposal has reached a stage of readiness for public comment such that notice of the proposed initiative must be posted for public comment before a recommendation is made to the Board. See 610 CMR 2.06(3). At the end of the comment period, Department staff will review and take into consideration any and all comments received.

The public comment period for the Articles of Amendment filed by Lasell University to offer the Master of Science in Venue Business and the Master of Science in High Performance Sport begins on June 18, 2026, and will close three weeks thereafter, on July 9, 2026.

Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on July 9, 2026, by directing the same to the following:

**Email:**

[PublicComment@dhe.mass.edu](mailto:PublicComment@dhe.mass.edu)

**Postal Mail:**

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Attn: Aileen O'Rourke, Associate Director for Academic and Regulatory Affairs

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "Lasell MS programs" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. For special accommodations for the submission of public comments or information regarding the submission of public comments in an alternative format, please contact Aileen O'Rourke.