



Accreditation of ASU Academic Programs

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All ASU academic programs are fully accredited by the North Central Association Higher Learning Commission. The institution has been continuously accredited by the Higher Learning Commission since 1931.

This accreditation is reviewed for reaffirmation every ten years, with the next review in 2023. (For more information on the reaffirmation process, see [here](#).) The official letter from the Higher Learning Commission communicating the status of ASU's accreditation is available for public viewing at the link above, "Higher Learning Commission Letter."

A number of programs also have **specialized accreditations** by professional and national accrediting agencies. A list of those specialized accreditations may be found [here](#).

ASU University Accreditation Office

At ASU, the Executive Director for Accreditation and Program Reviews serves as the University Accreditation Officer (UAO). Representing the University President and the University Provost, the UAO officer is charged with the essential functions related to university-wide accreditation activities and with providing guidance and assistance as the process moves forward leading to successful and productive accreditation visits.

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Functions of the ASU University Accreditation Office

Liaison to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

The UAO monitors institutional compliance with HLC requirements and coordinates the institutional evaluation for continuing accreditation by the HLC every ten years. The UAO also facilitates HLC approval of program and/or institutional changes where required. As a program prepares for accreditation, it is encouraged to visit the HLC website higherlearningcommission.org to find information about HLC standards and procedures for accreditation.

Professional Accreditation Oversight

The UAO works closely with academic units and programs that seek new accreditation or seek re-accreditation. This oversight includes:

1. Coordination of site visitors schedule and university administrators. All programs are asked to coordinate the site visitors schedules/itinerary with the UAO – this to insure that appropriate university administrators will be available at the time of the site visit.
2. Review of self-study draft. The UAO will conduct a review of the self-study draft to assure a self-study that meets the accreditation criteria and guidelines and addresses any problems from previous accreditation and other issues that may be present. A written report will be returned to the program with recommendations and edits.
3. Briefing paper. The UAO will review the briefing paper draft (prepared by the program) and submit recommendations and edits before the final paper is distributed to university administrators and other appropriate officials. The briefing paper is an in-house confidential resource and not shared with the site visitors.
4. The site visit report and response to the report. The UAO will review the site visit report and the program's draft response, looking for accuracy, completeness, and tone. Based on this review, written recommendations for the program response will be made.
5. Accreditation Status Letter. The original letter is held in the UAO as part of the accreditation permanent records. The UAO will send copies of this letter to the program and supervising administrator. The UAO will enter the date of the next accreditation review into the university calendar which is maintained by this office.

Note: Repository for all accreditation documents.

All programs are asked to provide copies of all accreditation records, reports and other documentation to the UAO, as they become available. Records will be held in the UAO until being sent to University Archives.

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