

Accreditation Update

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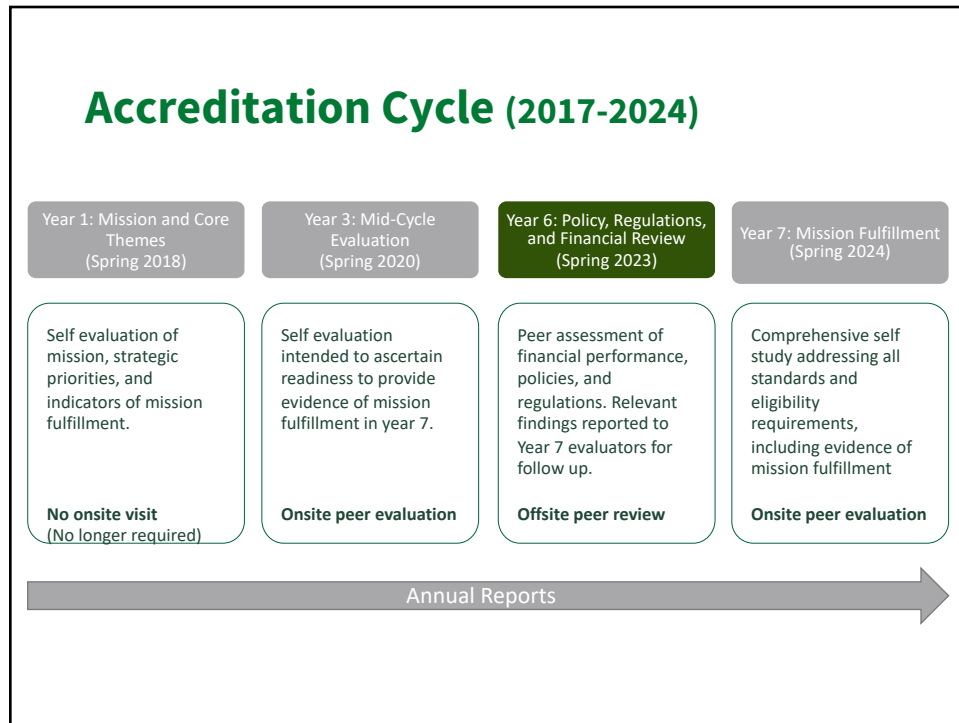
Regional Accreditation by Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)

Accreditation applies to the institution as a whole and is an ongoing status that must be reaffirmed periodically through self-study and onsite visitations by peer evaluation committees. Required to participate in Federal Financial Aid programs.

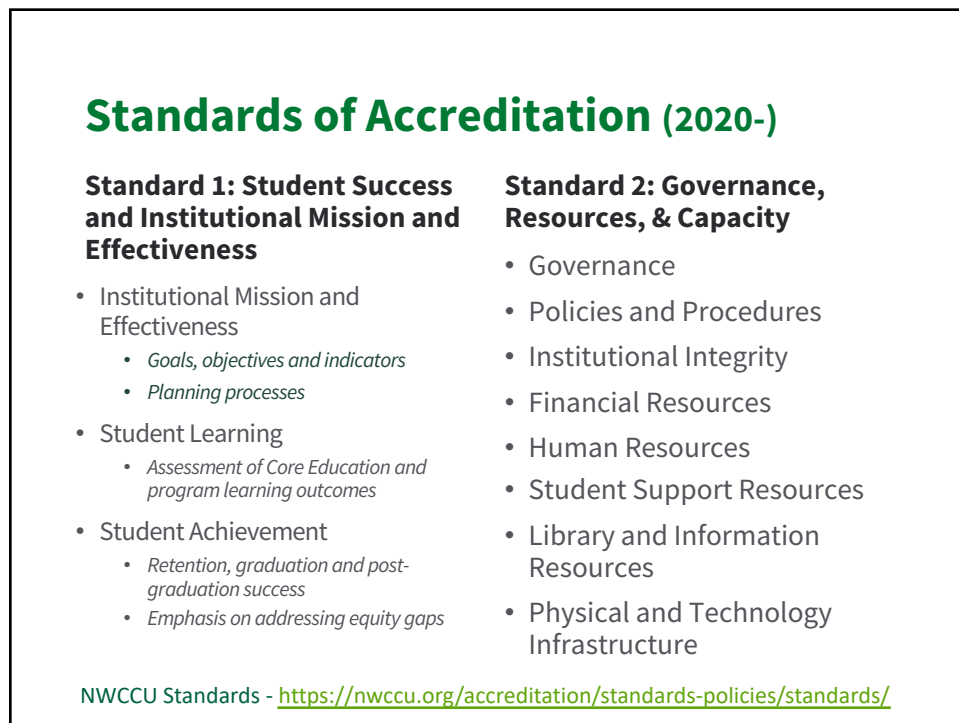
- Continuously accredited since 1918
- Reaffirmed in July 2017
- Initiated a new 7-year accreditation cycle in 2018

UO Accreditation site: <https://provost.uoregon.edu/accreditation>

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2018 Mid-Cycle Report Highlights

- Essential elements of report
 - Overview of institutional assessment plan
 - Representative example of assessment activities
 - Planning for Year 7 comprehensive evaluation
- Core education learning outcomes (Methods of Inquiry)
- Teaching evaluation changes

Current cycle reports here: <https://provost.uoregon.edu/current-accreditation-cycle-2018-2024>

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Standards of Accreditation (2020-)

Standard 1: Student Success and Institutional Mission and Effectiveness

“1.C.5 The institution engages in an effective system of assessment to evaluate the quality of learning in its programs. The institution recognizes the central role of faculty to establish curricula, assess student learning, and improve instructional programs.”

“1.C.7 The institution uses the results of its assessment efforts to inform academic and learning-support planning and practices to continuously improve student learning outcomes.”

“1.D.4 The institution’s processes and methodologies for collecting and analyzing indicators of student achievement are transparent and are used to inform and implement strategies and allocate resources to mitigate perceived gaps in achievement and equity.”

NWCCU Standards - <https://nwccu.org/accreditation/standards-policies/standards/>

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Process

- Accreditation reporting and visits managed by the Office of the Provost
- For this cycle, OTP has created an Accreditation Advisory Council with representatives from across campus (University Senate, SSEM, Student Life, UESS)
- Will continue to engage University Senate and its committees, and other campus constituents

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Next Steps

- Submit Policy, Regulations, and Financial Review Report to NWCCU by March 1, 2023
- Continue preparations for Year 7 reporting requirements (due late Winter 2024) and peer evaluation visit (Spring 2024)

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