



William & Mary's Reaffirmation of Accreditation with SACSCOC

Class of 2026

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The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)

- Accrediting body for states in the Southern region (primarily)
- Accreditation signifies that
 - W&M's mission is appropriate
 - W&M's resources, programs, and services are sufficient to meet the mission
 - W&M's educational objectives are:
 - ✓ *consistent with the mission*
 - ✓ *appropriate for the degrees offered*
 - ✓ *evaluated for their success*



SACSCOC's *Principles of Accreditation* require a comprehensive, university-wide review every 10 years

73

total standards
that span
these areas

1. Integrity
2. Mission
3. Basic Eligibility
4. Governing Board
5. Administration
6. Faculty
7. Institutional Planning & Effectiveness
8. Student Achievement
9. Educational Program Structure and Content
10. Educational Policies, Procedures, and Practices
11. Library and Learning/Information Resources
12. Academic and Student Support Services
13. Financial and Physical Resources
14. Institutional Representation to Others

Reaffirmation Process

Self-Study, Quality Enhancement Plan

- Report documenting compliance with all Standards
- QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan): 5-year initiative to enhance student learning outcomes and/or student success

Off-Site Review

- Self-Study report reviewed by committee of peers from SACSCOC institutions

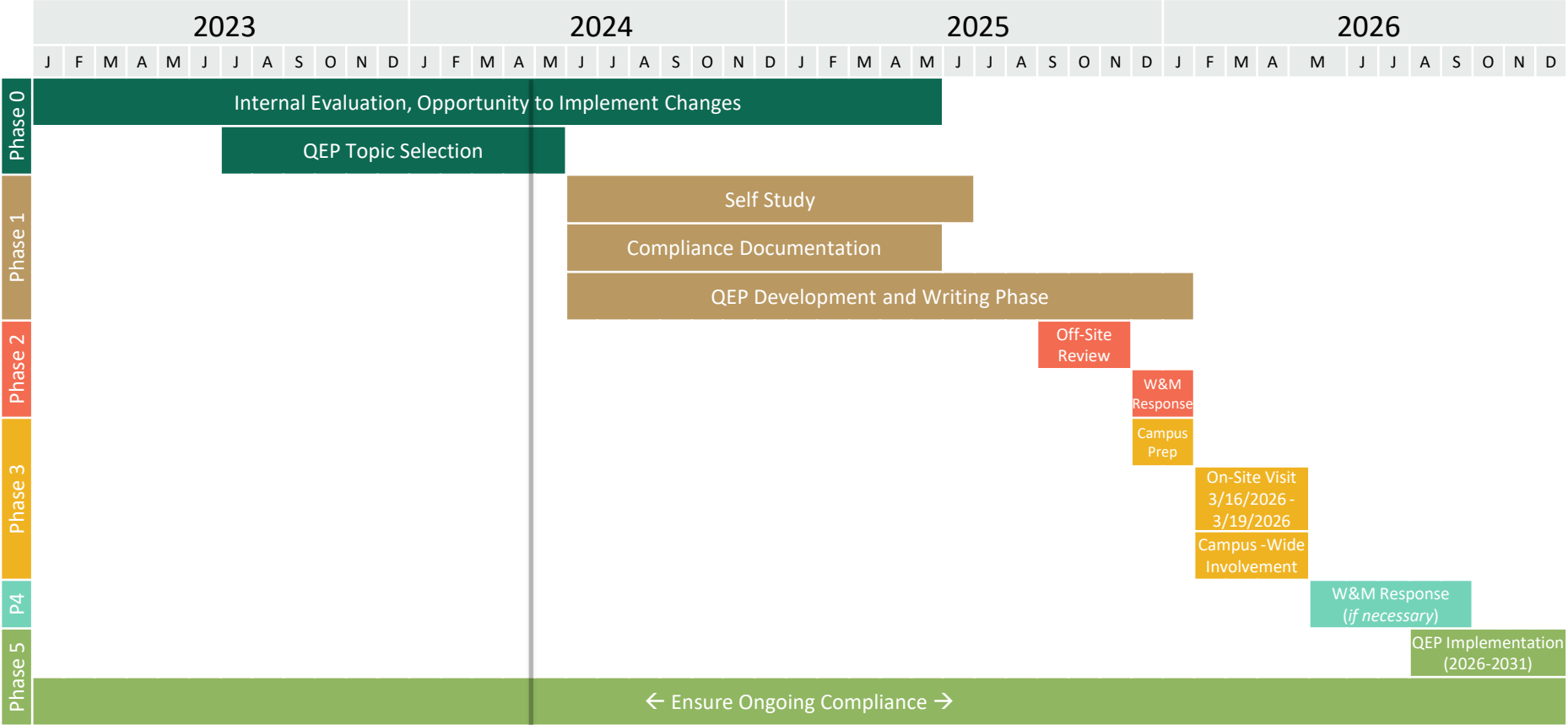
On-Site Review March 16-19, 2026

- Peers from SACSCOC institutions come to Williamsburg
- Evaluations of QEP, compliance
- Non-compliance with a standard at the end of the visit results in formal recommendation

SACSCOC Board Action

- Vote to reaffirm accreditation in December 2026

Timeline Detail



Topic for W&M's New Quality Enhancement Plan

Applied Learning for All

- Vision 2026 Career Cornerstone
- Access to impactful experiences



Target Population: All Undergraduate Students

Standards Related to the Board

- 4.1. The institution has a governing board of at least five members that is:
- the legal body with specific authority over the institution.
 - exercises fiduciary oversight of the institution.
 - ensures that both the presiding officer of the board and a majority of the other voting members of the board are free of any contractual, employment, personal, or familial financial interest in the institution.
 - is not controlled by a minority of board members or by organization or institutions separate from it.
 - is not presided over by the chief executive officer of the institution.
- 4.2. The governing board:
- ensures the regular review of the mission.
 - ensures a clear and appropriate distinction between the policy-making function of the board and the respective responsibilities of the administration and faculty to administer and implement policy.
 - selects and regularly evaluates the institution's chief executive officer
 - defines and addresses potential conflict of interest for its members.
 - has appropriate and fair processes for the dismissal of a board member.
 - protects the institution from undue influence by external persons or bodies.
 - defines its responsibilities and regularly evaluates its effectiveness.
- 4.3. Multi-level governance (N/A for W&M)

Reaffirmation and the Board of Visitors

- Consider how the Board's actions and Bylaws demonstrate compliance
- Update processes and/or Bylaws when needed.
- Engage in discussion during regular reaffirmation updates at Board meetings.
- March 16-19, 2026
 - SACSCOC On-Site Review Committee will engage with a small group of Board members during the on-campus visit.