

# SAVE THE DATE

## WASC INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

### MOCK VISIT

August 26th - 27th, 2015

### OFFICIAL VISIT

November 10th – 12th, 2015

Be prepared – be ready.  
Know the 4 Standards!

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## Institutional Accreditation – What is it?

Institutional accreditation is a voluntary peer review process of a higher education institution such as UAEU that aims to assure academic quality and accountability and to encourage improvement by an international accrediting agency.

### About WSCUC

The WASC Senior College and University Commission (“the Commission”) is an international accrediting agency from the USA. Through its work of peer review, based on standards agreed to by the membership, the Commission encourages continuous institutional improvement and assures the membership and its constituencies, including the public, that accredited institutions are fulfilling their missions in service to their students and the public good.

### WSCUC Core Commitments

- Commitment to Student Learning and Success
- Commitment to Quality and Improvement
- Commitment to Institutional Integrity, Sustainability, and Accountability

### The four Standards to be Judged by WASC

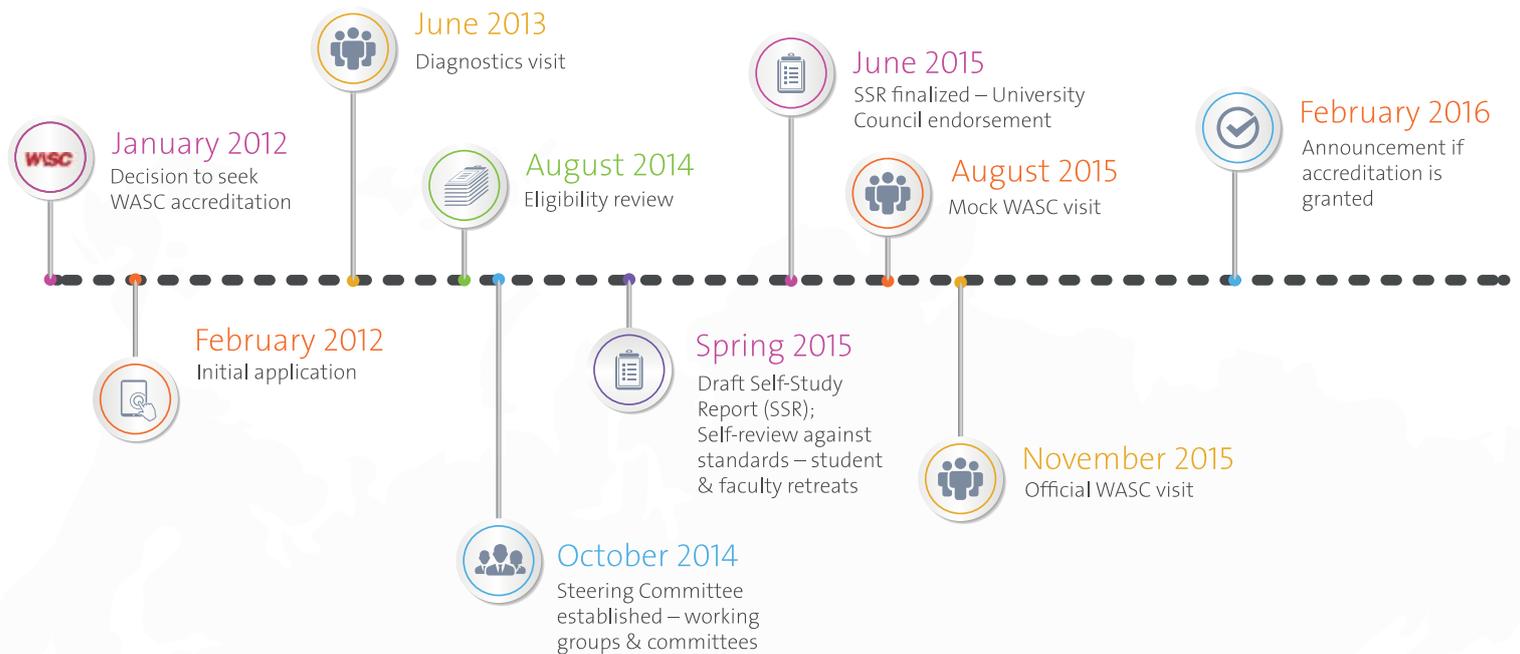
<b>Standard 1</b>	Defining Institutional Purposes and Ensuring Educational Objectives
<b>Standard 2</b>	Achieving Educational Objectives Through Core Functions
<b>Standard 3</b>	Developing and Applying Resources and Organizational Structures to Ensure Quality and Sustainability
<b>Standard 4</b>	Creating an Organization Committed to Quality Assurance, Institutional Learning, and Improvement

[Click here to view the standards and criteria for review.](#)

### Benefits of institutional Accreditation for the Students, Faculty, Stakeholders and University

- Maintains constant focus on educational effectiveness and the university’s processes, which helps identify areas in need of improvement;
- Boosts the university’s credibility and visibility in the international higher education sector;
- Assists in recruiting high quality faculty;
- Provides UAEU graduates with more options for overseas study and employment. Graduating from an accredited institution indicates that graduates are ready to practice at a certain level.

## Accreditation Milestones



## The Road to Accreditation

### 1. Diagnostics Visit

With the participation of a number of consultants and many faculty members, administrators, and students, many issues identified in the diagnostic visit have been attended to. The Vice Chancellor commissioned a steering committee to oversee accreditation and preparation of the self-study. Widespread involvement of the campus community has helped ensure that the SSR gives a genuine and comprehensive portrait of UAEU. Meetings across the university (including accreditation working groups, Deans, faculty and students) have critically reviewed our strengths and areas for further development. Action plans are being developed to implement improvements.

### 2. Mock Visit

A team of experts familiar with universities in the WASC region has reviewed our SSR and will conduct a mock visit (Aug. 26-28) to test our preparedness for the real audit in November 2015. Students, faculty, administrators and university stakeholders should be familiar with each of the four standards.

### 3. Official Visit

The main purpose of the official site visit is to validate the claims made in the SSR. So the UAEU community need to be very familiar with the SSR. A major benefit of accreditation is improvement, so focus on areas of improvement and the actions summarized in each of the standards. Please be ready to help wherever you can.

**For more information, please visit:**

<http://www.uaeu.ac.ae/en/accreditation/wasc-1.shtml>