

Appendices



These appendices provide additional information on the accreditors & potential costs for institutions.

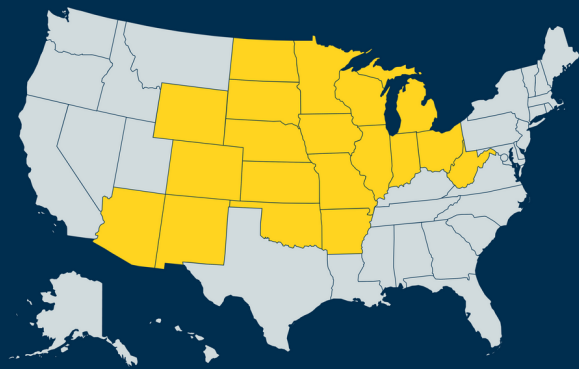
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Higher Learning Commission



Accreditor Highlights



Member Institutions

Public AAU Institutions: 14
U.S. News & World Report Top 100 Public Universities: 31



Board Member Composition

- 16 total members serving 4-year terms***
- 3 Public Universities
 - 1 Public College
 - 4 Community & Technical Colleges
 - 4 Private Institutions
 - 3 Public Members
 - 1 Other Member (tribal land-grant art college)



Accreditation Processes

Accreditation Cycle: 10 years; mid-point review in year 4
Includes Accelerated Accreditation Process: Yes
Frequency Accreditor Reviews Standards: Regularly

Overview

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is an independent corporation founded in 1895 as one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. HLC accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the United States. In its [institution directory](#), HLC lists members in 19 states: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, & Wyoming. HLC is governed by a [16-member](#) board of trustees elected by the membership & administered by a president selected by & accountable to that board.

Accelerated Process for Initial Accreditation

An institution may be eligible to seek accreditation with HLC through the Accelerated Process for Initial Accreditation if it meets certain requirements, including being currently accredited by a historically regional accreditor or a state entity recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The institution must also have no history of being placed on sanction, show-cause order, or other similar negative action by its accreditor for at least the past 10 years, & must meet other requirements. The [process](#) allows the institution to apply for initial accreditation with HLC on an accelerated timeline, without serving a period of candidacy.

*Board members have the option to extend subsequent terms by two years

Higher Learning Commission (continued)

■ HLC accredits the following AAU Universities

PUBLIC

- Indiana University
- Iowa State University
- Michigan State University
- Ohio State University
- Purdue University
- University of Arizona
- University of Colorado
- University of Illinois
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri
- University of Wisconsin

PRIVATE

- Case Western Reserve University
- Northwestern University
- University of Chicago
- Washington University-St. Louis

■ HLC accredits 5 of the U.S. News & World Report Top 20 public universities

- University of Michigan
- University of Wisconsin
- University of Illinois
- Ohio State University
- Purdue University

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Middle States Commission on Higher Education



Accreditor Highlights



Member Institutions

Public AAU Institutions: 6
U.S. News & World Report Top 100 Public Universities: 19



Board Member Composition

28 total members serving 3-year terms

- 4 Public Universities
- 10 Private Institutions
- 1 Public College
- 6 Public Members
- 5 Community & Technical Colleges
- 2 Other Members (public conservatory & federal service academy)



Accreditation Processes

Accreditation Cycle: 8 years; no mid-point review
Includes Accelerated Accreditation Process: Under development
Frequency Accreditor Reviews Standards: At least once every ten years

Overview

The Mid-Atlantic Region Commission on Higher Education, doing business as the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), was formally incorporated under Pennsylvania Commonwealth law in 2013. MSCHE conducts accreditation activities for institutions of higher education in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, & any other geographic areas in which the Commission elects to conduct accrediting activities, including the evaluation of distance education & correspondence education programs offered at those institutions. MSCHE accredits institutions across the United States as well as globally.

The board (also known as the commission) consists of 28 members that conduct business in all states, except North Dakota, South Dakota, Kentucky, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, & the District of Columbia.

Currently, MSCHE accredits Ana G. Mendez University (AGMU), the largest private university in Puerto Rico, which has three Florida locations in Orlando, Miami, & Tampa.

Middle States Commission on Higher Education (continued)

■ MSCHE accredits the following AAU Universities

PUBLIC

- Penn State University
- Rutgers University
- Stony Brook University
- University of Buffalo
- University of Maryland
- University of Pittsburgh

PRIVATE

- Carnegie Mellon University
- Columbia University
- Colgate University
- The John Hopkins University
- New York University
- Princeton University
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Rochester

■ MSCHE accredits 2 of the U.S. News & World Report Top 20 public universities

- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Maryland

MSCHE President - Dr. Heather Perfetti



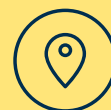
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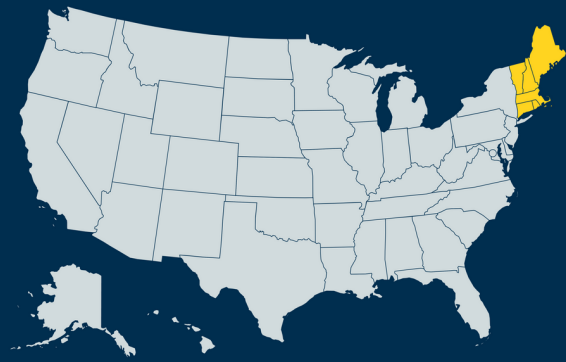


[MSCHE Website](#)



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Delaware

New England Commission on Higher Education



Accreditor Highlights



Member Institutions

Public AAU Institutions: 0
U.S. News & World Report Top 100 Public Universities: 6



Board Member Composition

30 total members serving 3-year terms

- 6 Public Universities
- 13 Private Institutions
- 1 Public College
- 6 Public Members
- 2 Community & Technical Colleges
- 2 Other Members (2 system-level members)



Accreditation Processes

Accreditation Cycle: 10 years; mid-cycle review in year 5
Includes Accelerated Accreditation Process: Yes
Frequency Accreditor Reviews Standards: Not identified

Overview

New England Commission on Higher Education (NECHE) accredits public & private community colleges, colleges, & universities. NECHE members include over 200 degree-granting postsecondary educational institutions offering higher education & located inside or outside the United States, including, but not limited to, the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, & Vermont.

The board (known as the commission) comprises at least 27 persons elected by the member colleges & universities for no more than two consecutive three-year terms. At least one in seven members is a representative of the public interest, with the remainder being faculty, senior administrators, & trustees from member institutions.

New England Commission on Higher Education (continued)

■ NECHE accredits the following AAU universities. ALL are private institutions

PRIVATE

- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brown University
- Dartmouth College
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Tufts University
- Yale University

■ NECHE does not accredit any of the US News & World Report Top 20 public universities

NECHE President - Dr. Lawrence Schall



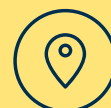
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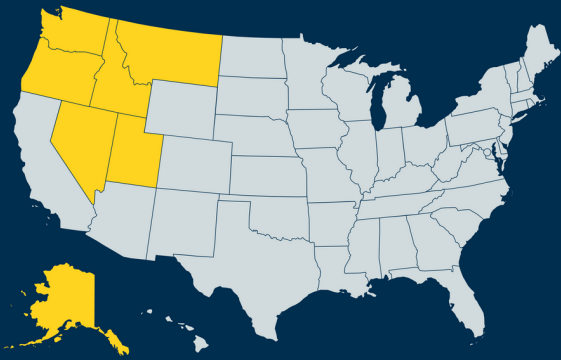


NECHE
Website



Main Office:
Burlington,
Massachusetts

Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities



Accreditor Highlights



Member Institutions

Public AAU Institutions: 3
U.S. News & World Report Top 100 Public Universities: 6



Board Member Composition

21 total members serving 3-year terms

- 7 Public Universities
- 2 Public College
- 5 Community & Technical Colleges
- 4 Private Institutions
- 3 Public Members
- 0 Other Member



Accreditation Processes

Accreditation Cycle: 7 years; mid-cycle review in year 3
Includes Accelerated Accreditation Process: Yes
Frequency Accreditor Reviews Standards: Once every 8 years

Overview

The Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities (NWCCU) is a private 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation & accredits over 160 public & private institutions of higher education in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, & British Columbia, along with other domestic & international geographic areas.

The board (known as the commission) as a decision-making body consists of up to 26 commissioners. Commissioners are elected for staggered three-year terms & serve without compensation. A majority of the commissioners represent institutions accredited by the commission with consideration given to diversity of institutions & geographical distribution, including at least one person from the region’s tribal colleges. One-seventh of the commissioners must be persons representing the general public.

Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities (continued)

■ NWCCU accredits the following AAU Universities

PUBLIC

- University of Oregon
- University of Utah
- University of Washington

■ NWCCU accredits one of the U.S. News & World Report Top 20 public universities

- University of Washington

NWCCU President - Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy



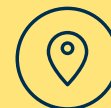
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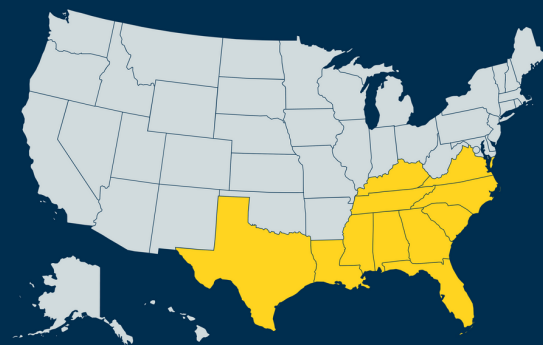


NWCCU
Website



Main Office:
Redmond,
Washington

Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges



Accreditor Highlights



Member Institutions

Public AAU Institutions: 6
U.S. News & World Report Top 100 Public Universities: 30



Board Member Composition

79 total members serving 3-year terms*

- 17 Public Universities
- 6 Public Colleges
- 18 Community & Technical Colleges
- 24 Private Institutions
- 11 Public Members
- 3 Other Members (Catholic seminary, research institute, Higher education commission)



Accreditation Processes

Accreditation Cycle: 10 years thereafter; mid-point review in year 5
Includes Accelerated Accreditation Process: Not identified
Frequency Accreditor Reviews Standards: Every 5 years

Overview

The Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) accredits degree-granting institutions of higher education. SACSCOC serves as the regional body for accreditation in eleven southern states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, & Virginia. SACSCOC also accredits international institutions.

SACSCOC is comprised of four primary units with representatives from each state who perform certain functions for the agency: the College Delegate Assembly, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, the Executive Council, the Committees on Compliance & Reports, & the Appeals Committee. The Board of Trustees has 79 members elected by the College Delegate Assembly, consisting primarily of administrators & faculty from member institutions & 11 public members from outside the academe.* The Board of Trustees implements the accreditation process. The Executive Council is the executive arm of the Board of Trustees, with 13 members, including one representative from each state, a public member, & the Chair. The Executive Council is primarily responsible for interpreting commission policies & procedures.

*Information obtained from the SACSCOC website. According to SACSCOC Standing Rules, the Board must consist of 33 individuals connected with institutions offering undergraduate & graduate programs or only graduate programs (2 from each state), 22 individuals connected with institutions offering only undergraduate programs (1 from each state), 10 academics connected or employed by a member institution in the geographical territory of SACSCOC, 1 individual representing international member institutions, & 11 individuals representing the public.

Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges (continued)

SACSCOC accredits the following AAU universities

PUBLIC

- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Texas A&M University
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- The University of Texas at Austin
- University of Florida
- University of Virginia

PRIVATE

- Duke University
- Rice University
- Tulane University
- Vanderbilt University

SACSCOC accredits 8 of the U.S. News & World Report Top 20 public universities

- University of Virginia
- University of Florida
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- The University of Texas at Austin
- The College of William & Mary
- University of Georgia
- Florida State University

SACSCOC President - Dr. Belle S. Wheelan



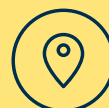
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WASC Senior College & University Commission



Accreditor Highlights



Member Institutions

Public AAU Institutions: 7

U.S. News & World Report Top 100 Public Universities: 11



Board Member Composition

33 total members serving 3-year terms

- 13 Public Universities
- 11 Private Institutions
- 0 Public College
- 5 Public Members
- 0 Community & Technical Colleges
- 4 Other Members (1 member of WSCUC community & junior; 3 retired from academe)



Accreditation Processes

Accreditation Cycle: 8-10 years, interim review on case-by-case basis

Includes Accelerated Accreditation Process: Yes

Frequency Accreditor Reviews Standards: At least once every 10 years

Overview

The WASC Senior College & University Commission is a non-profit corporation that accredits over 200 public & private institutions & serves as the institutional accrediting agency for institutions that award the bachelor's or higher degrees.* A separate agency which also uses the WASC acronym, the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges (ACCJC), accredits institutions with the main mission of offering an associate degrees. The commission's historic region has consisted of the States of California & Hawaii, the territory of Guam, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, & other areas of the Pacific as may apply to it for service.

The board (also known as the commission) consists of 33 members serving 3-year terms. These members include institutional representatives such as presidents, provosts, deans, & faculty. In addition, the commission include public members such as educational effectiveness experts, former public officials, & people experienced in K-12 education. At large members of the commission allow for individuals who are not institutional representatives or public members to serve.

*Until 2012, the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) was a single organization with three units. In 2012, the different units separated into three separate organizations that continue to share the WASC acronym as part of their name: the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools & Colleges (ACS, WASC), the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools & Colleges (ACCJC, WASC), & the WASC Senior College & University Commission (WSCUC). These entities now use the same "WASC" acronym but are three separate 501(c)(3) organizations with independent scopes & governance structures.

WASC Senior College & University Commission (continued)

■ WSCUC accredits the following AAU Universities

PUBLIC

- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Santa Cruz

PRIVATE

- California Institute of Technology
- Stanford University
- University of Southern California

■ WSCUC accredits six of the U.S. News & World Report Top 20 public universities

- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Davis

WSCUC President - Dr. Jamiene S. Studley



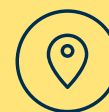
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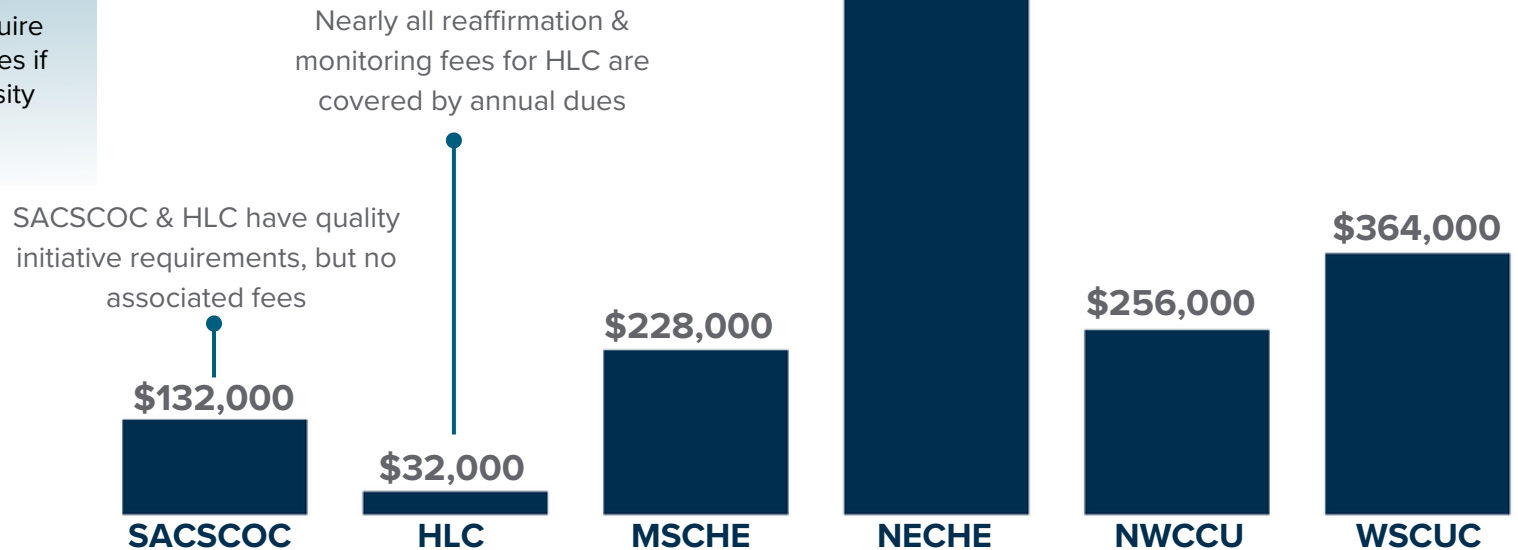
Accreditation Fees

Monitoring / Reaffirmation Fees

What are monitoring / reaffirmation fees?

- These fees include
 - Interim reports
 - Mid-cycle reviews
 - Reaffirmation fees
- All accreditors may require more visits or self-studies if issues arise at a university

NECHE uses annual dues to determine reaffirmation fees instead of a separate fee model



	SACSCOC	HLC	MSCHE	NECHE	NWCCU	WSCUC
Mid-Cycle Review Fees	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓**
Quality Project Fees	✗	✗	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Reaffirmation Fees	✓	✗	✓*	✓	✓	✓
Cost Range Across Universities	\$7,000 \$20,000	\$0 \$12,000	\$11,000 \$49,000	\$28,000 \$94,000	\$18,000 \$28,000	\$26,000 \$43,000

*MSCHE includes an interim report on its website, but suggested we exclude this report from our estimates as it is under review. Member institutions must undergo a self-study as part of reaffirmation. Therefore, this review is included in the cost estimates, but not the timeline overview.

**No standard interim report is required by WSCUC; however 90% of member institutions undergo some type of interim review at various points of time determined on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, this review is included in the cost estimates, but not the timeline overview.

Accreditation Cycle Fees

Total Fees -- By University



Total Accrediting Fees

- Fees shown include
 - One accreditation cycle of annual dues per university
 - One start-up cost estimate per university
 - One cycle of monitoring/reaffirmation per university

	SACSCOC* 10-Year Cycle	HLC 10-Year Cycle	MSCHE 8-Year Cycle	NECHE 10-Year Cycle	NWCCU 7-Year Cycle	WSCUC** 10-Year Cycle
FAMU	\$173,000	\$123,000	\$199,000	\$330,000	\$200,000	\$344,000
FAU	\$214,000	\$226,000	\$236,000	\$552,000	\$221,000	\$574,000
FGCU	\$170,000	\$153,000	\$190,480	\$408,000	\$200,000	\$437,000
FIU	\$241,000	\$356,000	\$272,000	\$590,000	\$269,000	\$884,000
FLPOLY	\$111,000	\$73,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$172,000	\$247,500
FSU	\$243,000	\$336,000	\$267,000	\$590,000	\$269,000	\$674,000
NCF	\$110,000	\$73,000	\$150,000	\$187,000	\$172,000	\$187,500
UCF	\$251,000	\$447,000	\$282,000	\$616,000	\$249,000	\$1,168,000
UF	\$314,000	\$555,000	\$473,000	\$616,000	\$269,000	\$832,000
UNF	\$175,000	\$163,000	\$199,000	\$433,000	\$200,000	\$444,000
USF	\$264,000	\$367,000	\$304,000	\$616,000	\$269,000	\$812,000
UWF	\$162,000	\$136,000	\$209,000	\$382,000	\$200,000	\$414,000
Total	\$502,000	\$578,000	\$1,048,480	\$1,740,000	\$854,000	\$1,420,000

*SACSCOC estimates include \$156,000 in approximated start-up fees for comparison purposes. However, SUS universities are current members and would not pay start-up fees.

**WSCUC noted that most institutions initially accredited will be put on a 6 year cycle; however, the cycle may vary based on the readiness of the institution.

Accreditation Fees

Start-Up Fees -- By University



Start-Up Fees for Accreditation*

- Start-up fees vary and can include
 - Application fees
 - Eligibility fees
 - Site visits
 - Required training

	SACSCOC	HLC	MSCHE	NECHE	NWCCU	WSCUC
FAMU	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$39,000	\$30,000	\$21,000	\$35,000
FAU	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$45,000	\$47,000	\$21,000	\$35,000
FGCU	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$35,000	\$36,000	\$21,000	\$31,500
FIU	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$51,000	\$50,000	\$31,000	\$35,000
FLPOLY	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$35,000	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$31,500
FSU	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$41,000	\$50,000	\$31,000	\$35,000
NCF	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$35,000	\$19,000	\$21,000	\$31,500
UCF	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$56,000	\$52,000	\$21,000	\$42,000
UF	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$72,000	\$52,000	\$31,000	\$49,000
UNF	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$39,000	\$38,000	\$21,000	\$35,000
USF	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$57,000	\$52,000	\$31,000	\$39,000
UWF	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$46,000	\$34,000	\$21,000	\$35,000
Total	\$156,000	\$276,000	\$551,000	\$480,000	\$292,000	\$434,500

**SACSOC start-up estimates are excluded because are SUS current members and would not pay start-up fees.

Accreditation Fees

One-Year Annual Dues -- By University



Annual Fees for Accreditation

- Estimates show one year of dues based on current universities' FTE, expenditures, & number of campuses/sites

	SACSCOC	HLC	MSCHE	NECHE	NWCCU	WSCUC
FAMU	\$14,000	\$10,000	\$18,000	\$25,000	\$23,000	\$28,000
FAU	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$42,000	\$26,000	\$51,000
FGCU	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$18,000	\$31,000	\$23,000	\$38,000
FIU	\$22,000	\$33,000	\$25,000	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$82,000
FLPOLY	\$9,000	\$5,000	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
FSU	\$22,000	\$31,000	\$26,000	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$61,000
NCF	\$9,000	\$5,000	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$19,000	\$13,000
UCF	\$23,000	\$42,000	\$26,000	\$47,000	\$30,000	\$109,000
UF	\$29,000	\$52,000	\$44,000	\$47,000	\$30,000	\$74,000
UNF	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$18,000	\$33,000	\$23,000	\$38,000
USF	\$24,000	\$34,000	\$28,000	\$47,000	\$30,000	\$74,000
UWF	\$14,000	\$11,000	\$18,000	\$29,000	\$23,000	\$35,000
Total	\$214,000	\$270,000	\$269,000	\$420,000	\$306,000	\$622,000

Accreditation Fees

Monitoring / Reaffirmation Costs -- By University



Monitoring / Reaffirmation Costs

- These fees include
 - Interim reports
 - Mid-cycle reviews
 - Reaffirmation fees
- All accreditors may require more visits or self-studies if issues arise at an institution

	SACSCOC	HLC	MSCHE	NECHE	NWCCU	WSCUC
FAMU	\$20,000	\$0	\$16,000	\$50,000	\$18,000	\$29,000
FAU	\$21,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$85,000	\$18,000	\$29,000
FGCU	\$7,000	\$0	\$11,480	\$62,000	\$18,000	\$25,500
FIU	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$21,000	\$90,000	\$28,000	\$29,000
FLPOLY	\$8,000	\$0	\$11,000	\$30,000	\$18,000	\$26,000
FSU	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$18,000	\$90,000	\$28,000	\$29,000
NCF	\$7,000	\$0	\$11,000	\$28,000	\$18,000	\$26,000
UCF	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$18,000	\$94,000	\$18,000	\$36,000
UF	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$49,000	\$94,000	\$28,000	\$43,000
UNF	\$12,000	\$0	\$16,000	\$65,000	\$18,000	\$29,000
USF	\$11,000	\$4,000	\$23,000	\$94,000	\$28,000	\$33,000
UWF	\$9,000	\$3,000	\$19,000	\$58,000	\$18,000	\$29,000
Total	\$132,000	\$32,000	\$228,480	\$840,000	\$256,000	\$363,500