



Accreditation and Quality Assurance

SACSCOC Accreditation

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is the body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. It serves as the common denominator of shared values and practices primarily among the diverse institutions that award associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees.

Virginia State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's, and doctorate degrees. Virginia State University also may offer credentials such as certificates at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Virginia State University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

SACSCOC Accreditation Process

Virginia State University (VSU) is preparing for its ten-year accreditation cycle with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The institution completed its Fifth-Year Interim Report in February 2024 and will undergo a decennial reaffirmation in 2028. To maintain accreditation, VSU must demonstrate ongoing compliance with the 73 Standards outlined in the SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation for the 2028 Reaffirmation.

The accreditation process involves several key components:

- Standards Compliance - Adherence to all 73 SACSCOC Standards through the submission of supporting evidence.
- Self-Evaluation - A comprehensive self-assessment to identify institutional strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement, which results in the completion of the self-study report.
- Peer Review - An on-campus evaluation by a team of external experts to assess compliance with accreditation standards.
- Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)- Continued implementation of the Becoming Outstanding Leaders of Tomorrow (BOLT) program to drive continuous improvement.

SACSCOC Important Dates

VSU granted accreditation	January 1, 1933
VSU approved to offer distance education	November 8, 2019
Most recent Reaffirmation of Accreditation	2018
Fifth-Year Interim Report	March 2024
Next Reaffirmation of Accreditation	2028

SACSCOC 5th Year Review Timeline

Fifth-Year Interim Report	March 2024
Referral Report for the SACSCOC Board of Trustees	April 1, 2025
Notification from SACSCOC	June 2025

SACSCOC Decennial Reaffirmation Timeline

Reaffirmation - Orientation of Leadership Teams	December 2025
Compliance Certification due	September 2027
Off-Site Peer Review	November 2027
Quality Enhancement Plan due	January 2028
On-site Peer Review conducted	March 2028
Review by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees	December 2028