



SU 2025 Middle States Self-Study

The Middle States Self-Study is a more than two-year long process through which SU must demonstrate its commitment to continuous improvement and self-evaluation. During the Self-Study, we will demonstrate that SU:

- engages in a careful analysis of institutional priorities selected in the interest of identifying mission-related areas of improvement,
- responds actively to challenges,
- identifies and adopts innovative practices to achieve its institutional mission,
- adapts to changes in the higher education sector to best serve students and society more readily.

Through the Self-Study process, SU must provide evidence that we are in compliance with Middle States' seven [Standards for Accreditation and Requirements of Affiliation](#).

More information and updates on the Middle States Self-Study can be found on the website: www.salisbury.edu/administration/president/accreditation/2025-middle-states/

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Important Dates

- **November 6, 2024: Visiting Team Chair Preliminary Visit**
During this one-day visit, Dr. Wells will review our draft Self-Study, meet with various campus constituents, review our evidence for sufficiency, and provide feedback on the draft report.
- **March 2-5, 2025: Full Team Visit**
The Self-Study Visiting Team will arrive on Sunday, March 2. During their three-day visit, they will:
 - meet with various campus constituents,
 - ask questions and collect feedback related to the Standards, and
 - review evidence we've provided to determine if SU is in compliance with the Middle States Standards for Accreditation.On the morning of Wednesday, March 5, Dr. Wells will address campus in an open meeting where she will provide a brief summary of the Visiting Team's findings. A formal written report will be sent shortly thereafter, detailing the Team's findings on each of the seven Standards and Requirements of Affiliation. A copy of the report will be provided to SU and Middle States.
- **May-June 2025**
The Middle States Commission will take accreditation action based on the Visiting Team's report. During this meeting, Middle States will determine if SU is in compliance with all seven Standards and the Requirements of Affiliation and if any follow-up actions are necessary.

Self-Study Timeline

PAST

- **Fall 2022**
 - Attended Self-Study Institute and Drafted Institutional Priorities
 - Selected members of the Self-Study Steering Committee
 - Created Middle States Self-Study website
- **Spring 2023**
 - Created Teams sites for Steering Committee and working groups
 - Developed a working group report template and research questions/lines of inquiry
 - Hosted Middle States liaison visit
 - Hosted Middle States retreat for working group volunteers
 - Wrote and submitted to Middle States our Self-Study Design Plan
- **Fall 2023**
 - Shared Self-Study Design Plan with campus
 - Steering Committee and Working Group liaisons submitted responses to all Research Questions/Lines of Inquiry
- **Spring 2024**
 - Working Groups submitted written narratives summarizing their findings along with evidence to support their conclusions

PRESENT

- **Summer 2024**
 - Co-chairs draft the Self-Study
 - Collection and organization of the evidence

FUTURE

- **Fall 2024**
 - Early September: Submit draft of the Self-Study to the President's Cabinet and Self-Study Steering Committee
 - Early October: Host open campus meeting to share draft and ask for feedback
 - October 22 (two weeks prior to visit): Send draft Self-Study to Visiting Team Chair
 - **November 6: Visiting Team Chair Visit**
 - Mid-December: Final draft sent to Cabinet
- **Spring 2025**
 - January 18 (six weeks before visit): Send Self-Study to Visiting Team
 - **March 2-5: Full Team Visit**
 - Mid-March: Team report sent to SU
 - April: Formal institutional response to Visiting Team report
 - May-June: Commission takes accreditation action based on team report

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