



Middle States Self-Study

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What is Middle States Accreditation?

- Accreditation is a gold seal of approval  → a sign of the quality of an institution.
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education  conducts regional accreditation for NJ, NY, PA, DE (and more) and represents the highest and broadest level of accreditation by certifying the quality of the university as a whole.
- SHU has been accredited by the MSCHE since 1923 and goes through the accreditation process every 8 years.



What is the Middle States Self-Study?

1. SHU needs to demonstrate it meets 7 Standards to receive accreditation by MSCHE.
2. SHU conducts an internal study of the university to assess strength and areas for growth with regards to the 7 Standards and submits the study results to MSCHE.
3. A team of evaluators review the self-study, inspect the campus, and file their own report → MSCHE makes their decision.



**Commission
Decision**

- a. Unconditional reaccreditation
- b. Warning
- c. Probation
- d. Show cause
- e. Withdrawal (eventually)

**Institutional
Self-Study**

Self-Study Cycle

(Two-Year Process)

**Commission
Committee**

**Self-Study
Review by Peer
Evaluators**



Standards Summary

- Standard I: Mission and Goals
- Standard II: Ethics and Integrity
- Standard III: Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience
- Standard IV: Support of Student Experience
- Standard V: Educational Effectiveness Assessment
- Standard VI: Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement
- Standard VII: Governance, Leadership, and Administration



Standard III: Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience

Summary: SHU learning experiences meet higher education standards and are consistently rigorous across all programs, levels, and modalities.

Some Qs Asked:

- How are we ensuring the quality of learning experiences and degrees across our programs?
- How well have our programs and policies adjusted to changes in circumstances (e.g., COVID)?



Standard IV: Support of Student Experience

Summary: Students' interests/abilities/experiences match SHU's mission and educational opportunities; SHU has a support system to enhance learning and foster success.

Some Qs Asked:

- How well do extracurriculars foster equity and inclusion to help facilitate success?
- Does New Student Orientation do a good job of highlighting the support services and engagement opportunities available?



Relevance for Students

- **Info:** The Self-Study gives a comprehensive look at what Seton Hall is doing to ensure the quality of your education and its goals moving forward
- **Involvement:** the Self-Study provides several opportunities for students to get involved → this can be a good opportunity to have input on what Seton Hall is doing well or needs to do better



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The screenshot displays the Seton Hall University website. At the top left is the university's logo, which includes a stylized building and the text "SETON HALL UNIVERSITY" with "1856" below it. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for "About", "Events", "PirateNet", "SUPPORT SHU", and "Search". Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for "Academics", "Admissions", "Catholic Mission", "Athletics", and "Alumni". The main content area features a large photograph of a brick building with a steeple, surrounded by trees. Below the photo is the heading "Middle States Self-Study" and a paragraph of text: "Seton Hall University has been accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education since 1932 and must go through a full re-accreditation process every 8 years. The initial part of the re-accreditation process is a lengthy and rigorous self study. In". At the bottom of the page, there are two small icons: "download.jpg" and "msche logo.svg".

