



UMKC's Reaffirmation and Accreditation

UMKC + HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION (HLC)

Fall 2019



Site Visit

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



HLC: What's it all about?

- 10-year accreditation cycle
- Verifying that institutions meet standards established & evaluated by peers
- Promoting institutional self-knowledge and advancement
- Documenting continuous Institutional improvement
- Providing assurance to the public about quality
- Building and maintaining confidence in higher education



Speaking HLC's language

- Comprehensive evaluation
 - Confirms that the institution continues to meet the Criteria for Accreditation, is pursuing institutional improvement and complies with requirements set by the U.S. DOE.
 - Evaluations are conducted by teams of peer reviewers.
- Assurance argument
 - Narrative that builds the case for how the institution meets criteria for accreditation – *limit 35,000 words*
- Evidence
 - Organizational artifacts that support claims
 - Role of HLC Board in final decision regarding Institutional status



Criteria

1. Mission
2. Integrity: Ethical & Responsible Conduct
3. Teaching & Learning: Quality, Resources & Support
4. Teaching & Learning: Evaluation & Improvement
5. Resources, Planning & Institutional Effectiveness



Where we have been...

Date	Activities
August 2017	Initiate process
Fall 2017-Spring 2018	Draft assurance argument; identification and collection of evidence
Summer 2018	Revise assurance argument; categorize and warehouse evidence; editing
Fall 2018	Desk review by external reviewer consultants
December 2018	Receive external reviewers' comments
Spring/Summer 2019	Revision of AA, Evidence



...where we are going

Date	Activities
Sept 26-27	Mock open forums
Sept - Oct	Student Survey
October 1	Final submission of AA
December 2-3	Site Visit



What can I do?

- Be informed
 - info.umkc.edu/accreditation/
 - Strategic Plan
 - Read AA Executive Summary
- Be involved
 - Mock open forums, site visit
- Be excited

Site Visit

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Mock Open Forums

Date and Time	Topic
September 26, 10:00a-11:00a	Criterion 1 – Mission Criterion 2 – Integrity: Ethical & Responsible Conduct
September 26, 1:00p-2:30p	Criterion 3 – Teaching & Learning: Quality, Resources & support Criterion 4 – Teaching & Learning: Evaluation & Improvement
September 27, 8:00a-9:00a	Criterion 5 – Resources, Planning, & Institutional Effectiveness

Location: Bloch Executive Hall, Room 413





Questions?

Cindy Pemberton – PembertonC@umkc.edu

Ken Novak – NovakK@umkc.edu

Ruth Cain – CainRe@umkc.edu

Kelline Cox – KelliCox@umkc.edu

Alexis Petri – PetriA@umkc.edu