

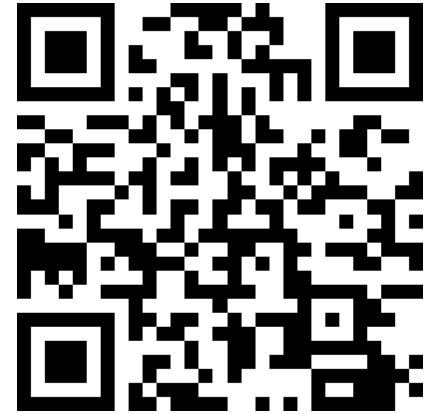
Middle States: UMBC's Self-Study Community Feedback

Spring 2025



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Feedback Form

<https://tinyurl.com/April25SelfStudyFeedback>

What is Middle States?

Nationally recognized accreditation process dedicated to educational excellence and improvement through peer evaluation of public and private universities and colleges.

Reaccreditation is required every eight years. We are currently preparing for a site visit from our peer evaluators in spring 2026, and an integral part of this process is the development of a comprehensive self-study examining all aspects of the institution.

Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee:

Manfred van Dulmen, *Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Connie Pierson, *Associate Vice Provost, IRADS & Middle States Accreditation Liaison Officer*

Orianne Smith, *Associate Professor, English*

UMBC's Self-Study

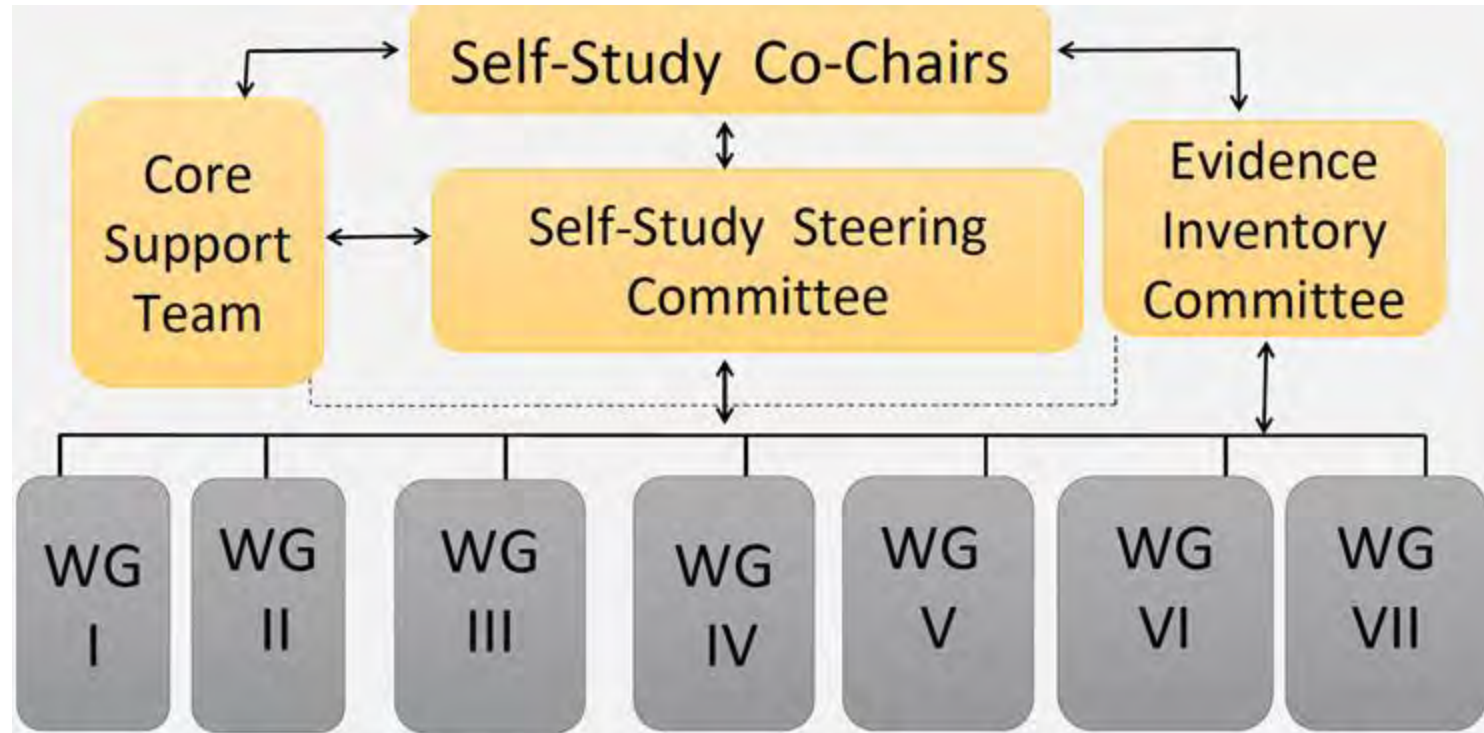
The purpose is to engage the institution in a collaborative and inclusive process of self-reflection. Our Self-Study should produce a report that not only meets the MSCHE expectations for each of the seven Standards of Accreditation, but results in broad institutional self-knowledge of our mission, goals, challenges and opportunities, reaffirming our commitment to continuous improvement.

Our Self-Study is a campus-wide initiative, promoting diverse reflection and dialogue on UMBC's priorities. It is conducted in concert with ongoing institutional strategic planning, so that the two processes synergistically contribute to both a thoughtful Self-Study and a forward-thinking, achievable strategic plan for UMBC's future.

Developing the self-study and preparing for the peer evaluator site visit was a major undertaking that began last year and involved over one hundred campus stakeholders, including faculty, staff, students and administrators.



Self-Study Committee Organization Chart



Each Working Group, co-chaired by an administrator and a faculty member, was assigned one of the seven standards of accreditation required by Middle States.

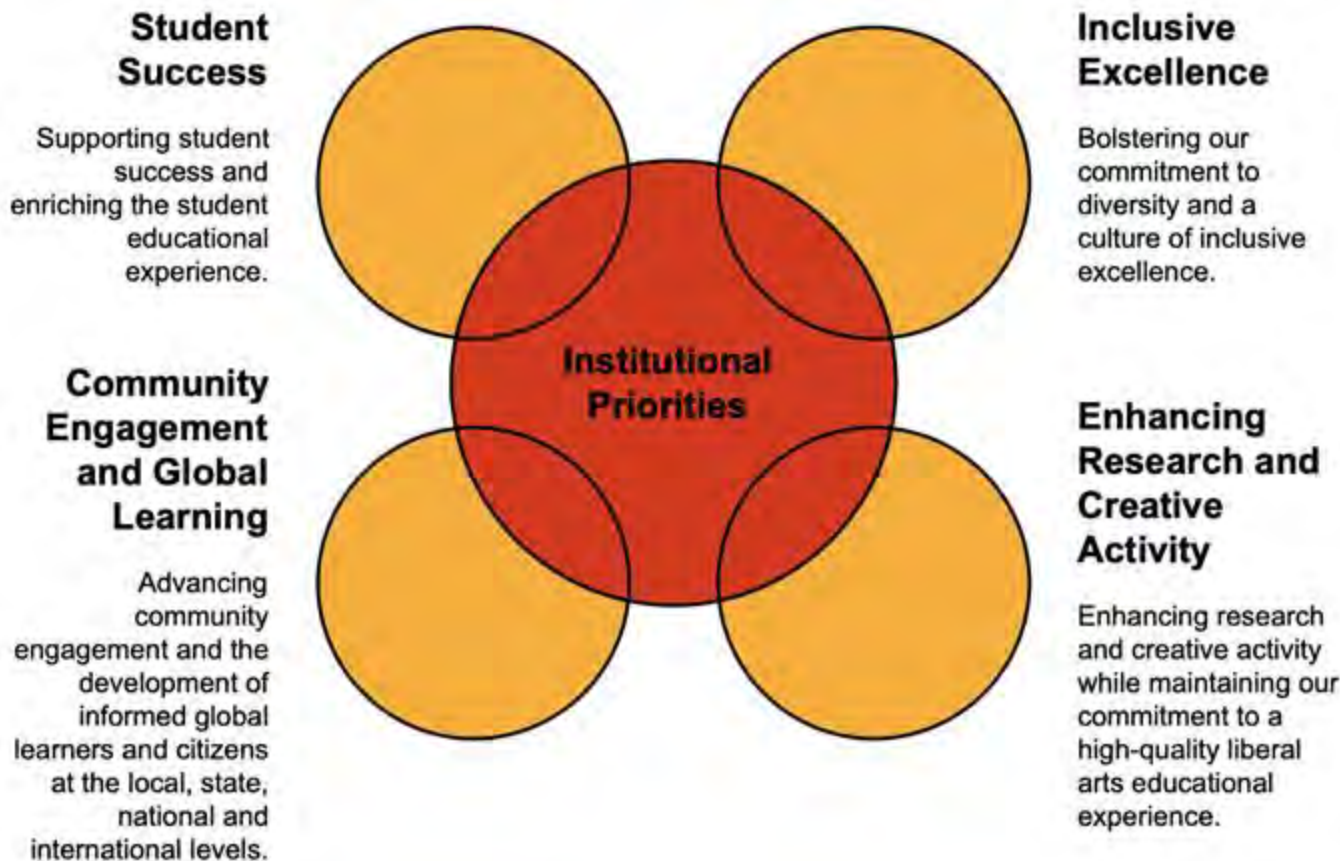
7 Standards of Accreditation

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

Institutional Priorities

In addition to the seven standards of accreditation, our self-study is guided by four institutional priorities, informed by

- **UMBC's Mission and Vision**
- **The 2016 Strategic Plan**
- **UMBC's BOLD Conversations**



Spring 2025: Where we are in the process now

- Core Team continues work on the Self-Study draft
- Steering Committee members serve as ambassadors at meetings across campus, sharing the [Executive Summary](#) and the link for the feedback form with the community (April)
- Self-Study Steering Committee will host an online feedback session, inviting further reflection and suggestions for continuous improvement (Wednesday, April 23, 12-1 p.m.)

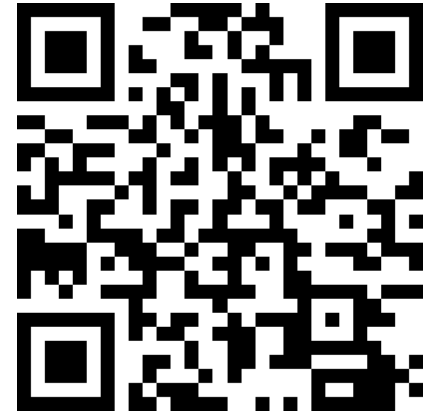
Looking Ahead

- **Summer 2025:** Core team will fold in community suggestions and continue to gather evidence for our evidence inventory.
- **Early September 2025:** Institution-wide sharing and feedback for the full Self-Study Report draft.
- **September 2025:** UMBC will submit the Self-Study to the Evaluation Team Chair.
- **October 2025:** Evaluation Team Chair preliminary visit**
- **March/April 2026:** (Date TBD): Evaluation Team 3 day visit**

**** UMBC leaders must be on campus during those days and available for questions or meetings as requested by the Evaluation Team.**

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Questions?

For further information on the Middle State's Self-Study committee, process and timeline, please consult our website (where you will also be able to leave feedback from April - May 15) <https://selfstudy.umbc.edu>

You can also email at any time - selfstudy@umbc.edu