



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is SACSCOC and what is accreditation?

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is one of several regional organizations that accredits colleges and universities. Regional accreditation is an important indication that a college or university is operating acceptably based on evaluation criteria set by peer member institutions.

Has Florida Memorial University lost its accreditation?

No. The University continues to be accredited.

What is Probation?

Failure to correct deficiencies or failure to make satisfactory progress toward compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*, whether or not the institution is already on Warning, may result in the institution being placed on Probation.

How long will Florida Memorial University be on probation?

The University has been placed on twelve months' probation. A response from the University and a report from a SACSCOC Special Committee visit will be sent to the Commission for consideration at their June 2022 meeting.

Is FMU on probation because of academics?

No. The quality of FMU's academic programs is not in question. FMU still has the ability to award Federal Financial Aid and offer degrees.

Are degrees awarded by FMU still valid?

Yes. This probationary action has no impact on the value of degrees awarded by Florida Memorial University.

Will students still be able to collect financial aid?

Yes. The University continues to be eligible to distribute federal financial aid.

What led to FMU being placed on probation for good cause?

The issues that led to this action occurred over numerous years of dealing with financial challenges, declining enrollment, and aging infrastructure. Unfortunately, COVID-19 impacted enrollment for academic year 2020, thus affecting overall revenue.

How is FMU addressing its probationary status?

FMU is well on its way to resolving the outstanding issues. New enrollment initiatives, new academic programs, a focus on student life, enhanced infrastructure, the addition of new athletic programs, band, and certificate programs are already yielding positive results to stabilize and grow enrollment.

How will that affect the University's scheduled reaffirmation in 2021?

The reaffirmation will be postponed and the University's accreditation will be extended until its probation ends.

What will SACSCOC do at their June 2022 meeting?

The SACSCOC Board will consider the accreditation status of the University following review of the report submitted by the University addressing the standards cited for noncompliance, and the report of the SACSCOC Special Committee. The SACSCOC Board will have the following options:

- (1) remove the institution from probation without an additional report;
- (2) continue accreditation and continue the institution on probation for good cause for one more year, or
- (3) remove the institution from membership with SACSCOC for failure to comply with the *Principles of Accreditation*.