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The University of Wyoming has been continuously accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) since 1923.

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UW HLC Peer Review Visit November 18-19, 2019 Laramie and Casper

Each week until the HLC peer review team visit, the UW HLC Ops Group is sending news shorts to help you prepare for their visit!



November 19 – Peer Review Team Campus Meetings

**9:00-9:50 AM,
HLC On-Site Drop-In Session for Students**
(drop by to talk one-on-one with the peer review team) Wyoming Union Center Ballroom

**9:00-9:50 AM,
HLC On-Site Drop-In Session for Faculty and Staff**
(drop by to talk one-on-one with the peer review team), Wyoming Union East Ballroom

**9:00-9:50 AM
Open Forum Criteria 1 & 2 – Mission and Integrity**
Wyoming Union West Ballroom, free refreshments!



HLC Criteria Spotlight

UW is required to provide direct evidence to HLC supporting our case that we meet five criteria. This week's [HLC criteria spotlights](#) are on **Criterion Three, Criterion Four, and Criterion Five.**

Criterion Three: Teaching and Learning – Quality, Resources, Support

The institution provides high quality education, wherever and however its offerings are delivered.

- UW's degree programs are appropriate to higher education.
- We demonstrate that the exercise of intellectual inquiry and the acquisition, application, and integration of broad learning and skills are integral to our educational programs.
- UW has the faculty and staff needed for effective, high-quality programs and student services.
- UW provides support for student learning and effective teaching.
- UW fulfills the claims it makes for an enriched educational environment.

Criterion Four: Teaching and Learning – Evaluation and Improvement

The institution demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs, learning environments, and support services, and it evaluates their effectiveness for student learning through processes designed to promote continuous improvement.

- We demonstrate responsibility for the quality of our educational programs.
- UW demonstrates a commitment to educational achievement and improvement through ongoing assessment of student learning.
- UW demonstrates a commitment to educational improvement through ongoing attention to retention, persistence, and completion rates in our degree and certificate programs.

Criterion Five: Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness

The institution's resources, structures, and processes are sufficient to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its educational offerings, and respond to future challenges and opportunities. The institution plans for the future.

- UW's resource base supports our current educational programs and our plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future.
- UW's governance and administrative structures promote effective leadership and support collaborative processes that enable us to fulfill our mission.
- We engage in systematic and integrated planning.



Review [UW's mission statement](#) and our [current strategic plan](#).

Read our **executive summary of our Assurance Argument**, which will be posted at our [UW HLC Accreditation](#) site. If you have time, read the full Assurance Argument!

Be available when the HLC team is on campus.