

# What is Institutional Accreditation?

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Accreditation is awarded to qualifying higher education institutes following an investigation by independent, external auditors. The purpose is to ensure that the institution keeps its promises to students. Those promises include things like:

- Do the degrees offered prepare students for relevant careers in that field?
- Does the University provide financial and other assistance to students who want it?
- Are faculty members adequately qualified to teach their courses?
- Is the University using ethical strategies to attract prospective students?

These are just a few of the many questions auditors answer during thorough, months-long investigations. Every aspect of an institution's process is examined comprehensively with compiled data, documentation, and first-hand observation to determine whether a University deserves accreditation. An important aspect of institutional accreditation is that it must be renewed at regular intervals to ensure academic integrity at the level of a state University.

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is an institutional accreditor recognized by both the U.S. Department of Education and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). CSU Global is proud to be re-accredited by the HLC. More information can be found on our [website](#).

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