

## Cross-References to Other Related Standards/Requirements, If Applicable

Standard 10.9 (Cooperative academic arrangements)

**3.1.c** An institution seeking to gain or maintain accredited status is in operation and has students enrolled in degree programs. (*Continuous operation*) [CR]

### Rationale and Notes

SACSCOC accredits degree-granting institutions in the southern region of the United States and degree-granting institutions operating at select international locations. SACSCOC does not accredit institutions based on their anticipation of becoming a degree-granting institution. In order to be evaluated for accreditation by the Commission, an institution needs to be a functioning organization with students enrolled in degree programs.

#### NOTE

*Institutions already holding SACSCOC accreditation do not need to address this standard unless the institution currently is not operating.*

### Questions to Consider

- When did the institution first begin offering coursework to degree-seeking students?
- Have there been periods where the institution had no students or offered no courses, other than breaks between terms? If so, explain.
- How many students are currently enrolled in degree programs?

### Sample Documentation

- List of degrees offered and current enrollment numbers.

### Reference to SACSCOC Documents, If Applicable

None noted.

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