

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Southern Association for Colleges and Schools (SACS) Reaffirmation Visit**  
**Timeline, Fiscal Years 2005 - 2011**

Stage	Time Period	Activity
SACS Preparation	2005 - 2008  * continues through 2011 and beyond	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Electronic conversion of Institutional Effectiveness Planning Process; unit plans continue to be developed.</li> <li>2. Electronic conversion/collection of faculty activity records (including instructional staff roster and electronic faculty transcripts/credentials) and faculty teaching evaluations*</li> <li>3. Create financial budgeting scenarios related to release time, additional compensation, additional staffing, etc.</li> <li>4. Document student outcomes assessment and use of results (electronic access needed)*</li> <li>5. Establish and maintain regular general education assessment with electronically documentation; show use of results for improvement*</li> <li>6. Create/develop website for secure interactive publication of accreditation materials*</li> <li>7. Confirm and secure financial budgeting items needed to complete the accreditation process</li> </ol>
<b>Strategic Planning</b>	<b>January 2008 - September 2008</b>	<b>Refocus SFA '08 for new five-year strategic plan</b>
SACS Stage 1	April 2008 - January 2009	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Select Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) theme</li> <li>2. Name Self-Study Director and Steering Committee</li> <li>3. Actively involve faculty, administration, and staff in other SACS site visits</li> <li>4. Educate all sectors of campus on the SACS criteria and how each sector is affected</li> <li>5. Visits with each unit for update on criteria and to discuss current unit criteria-readiness</li> <li>6. Institutional pre-planning and pre-audits</li> </ol>
SACS Stage 2	January 2009 - May 2009	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Committee assignments for each area of core requirements and comprehensive standards</li> <li>2. Preliminary committee and activity planning</li> </ol>
SACS Stage 3	June 2009 - August 2009	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consideration of ongoing self-study activities</li> </ol>
SACS Stage 4	September 2009 - September 2010	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue self-study activities</li> <li>2. Prepare and submit Compliance Certification Report on compliance with core requirements and comprehensive standards</li> </ol>
SACS Stage 5	October 2010 - March 2011	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review selected QEP theme and modify as necessary</li> <li>2. Prepare and submit QEP to Commission on Colleges (SACS)</li> <li>3. Prepare for and receive the Visiting Committee</li> </ol>
SACS Stage 6	April 2011 - December 2011	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prepare for review and action by the COC</li> </ol>