



## Accreditation

John Jay College of Criminal Justice is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (267) 284-5000<sup>1</sup>. First accredited in 1965, John Jay's accreditation was reaffirmed in 2008 upon submission of its 5-year Periodic Review Report. Beginning fall 2010, the college will embark upon its 10-year self study initiative. This will be a 2 ½ year process culminating in a comprehensive report submitted to Middle States in late 2012 and a site visit occurring in spring 2013.

To maintain accreditation, John Jay must demonstrate to colleagues from peer institutions, both in its report and in on-campus meetings with the peer review team, that it meets or surpasses the 14 standards for accreditation established by Middle States and that it is engaged in continuous improvement beyond minimal standard compliance. Based upon the results of the peer review, accreditation attests to the judgment of the Middle States Commission that John Jay has met the following criteria<sup>2</sup>:

- that it has a mission appropriate to higher education;
- that it is guided by well-defined and appropriate goals, including goals for student learning;
- that it has established conditions and procedures under which its mission and goals can be realized;
- that it assesses both institutional effectiveness and student learning outcomes, and uses the results for improvement;
- that it is accomplishing its mission and goals substantially;
- that it is so organized, staffed, and supported that it can be expected to continue to accomplish its mission and goals; and
- that it meets the eligibility requirements and the standards for accreditation of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

John Jay's self-study process will be comprehensive, extensive, and analytical. Further, the self-study process will strengthen and sustain the quality of the programs and the educational experience that John Jay offers.

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<sup>1</sup> For information on the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, click <http://www.msche.org>.

<sup>2</sup> From Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Frequently Asked Questions. See: <http://www.msche.org/?Nav1=About&Nav2=FAQ&Nav3=Question07>.