



January 24, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to verify that the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges accredits the University of San Francisco. The University of San Francisco was granted Initial Accreditation in 1949 and continues to be accredited at present.

The Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities accredits baccalaureate and graduate degree-granting institutions in California, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. *All programs, courses and departments are included under this accreditation, including off-campus programs.*

Accreditation is an important form of institutional accountability designed to serve the higher education community, prospective and current students, their parents, and the general public. Accreditation certifies that an institution meets established standards and is achieving its own clearly defined objectives. Accreditation also encourages institutional development and improvement through self-study and periodic review. Federal and state governments consider accreditation a reliable indicator of institutional quality.

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges is one of seven regional accrediting commissions, and is recognized by the United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Schmitz', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Jan Schmitz  
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