

The University

The Mission of the University

Frostburg State University (FSU), a multi-purpose, largely residential, regional university founded in 1898, is the University System of Maryland's only four-year institution west of the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan areas. It serves as a premier educational and cultural center for Western Maryland.

As a constituent institution of the University System of Maryland, FSU practices affirmative action, cooperates with other educational segments in Maryland, collaborates with other USM institutions to provide citizens access to high quality educational services, and serves the educational, economic and cultural needs of Maryland.

Frostburg State University's undergraduate programs combine a strong liberal arts foundation with preparation for a wide variety of professional careers and lifelong learning. Although primarily an undergraduate institution, Frostburg also offers several master's level programs responsive to regional and state needs.

Through the efforts of an excellent teaching faculty and a caring and responsible staff, the University provides a learner-centered environment which nurtures the physical and emotional well-being of its students and which aspires to involve every student in active learning.

FSU draws its diverse, largely residential and traditional student body from all areas of the State of Maryland, other nearby states, and a growing number of foreign countries. A substantial number of students come from the Washington and Baltimore areas. Frostburg invites applications from capable, serious students whose prior academic achievement ranks them in the top third of their high school or community college classes.

FSU offers a comprehensive array of baccalaureate and master's programs with a special emphasis on education, business, environmental studies, and the creative and performing arts. Programs in wildlife and fisheries, recreation, conservation biology, and environmental analysis and planning serve a state-wide need and enjoy the advantage of a diverse natural environment and a highly productive faculty engaged in research in environmental sciences.

Frostburg acknowledges its responsibility as the state university in western Maryland to offer life-long educational opportunities and professional development which are responsive to the needs of the people of the region. Frostburg State University's faculty and staff are actively engaged in environmental, educational, and economic research and service on state, regional and international levels. Through its academic and co-curricular programs, research, and service, Frostburg serves as a focal point for community cultural, educational, and public affairs activities.

This is an abbreviated version of the mission statement approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland and the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

Mission statements are under review. The new mission statement will be shared with the campus community when approved.

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"Application of knowledge is the epitome of academic experience."
Professor John Bambacus,
Political Science

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"I encountered professors who were tough but fair and who cared that each student's time at FSU was a positive experience."
Gregory M. Davis,
Geography, 1984

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"Frostburg allows you to be yourself."
Todd Scott Unger,
Marketing, 1992

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"Community service gave me a sense of pride."
Jennifer M. Evans,
Accounting, 1993

Academic Programs

You can make the most of your undergraduate education by fully exploring the options open to you. Selecting your major is only one step in the process. The University offers many special areas of study within your major and outside your major which can enhance your learning and future job possibilities.

Majors

Frostburg State University offers 34 different undergraduate majors. In addition, two engineering majors are offered in collaboration with the University of Maryland, College Park. These programs are taught by faculty assigned to one of three colleges:

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

- Actuarial Science
- Art and Design
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Earth Science
- Electrical Engineering (in collaboration with UMCP)
- English
- Environmental Analysis and Planning
- Foreign Languages and Literature
- Geography
- History
- Justice Studies
- Mass Communication
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering (in collaboration with UMCP)
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Science
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Speech Communication and Theatre
- Wildlife and Fisheries

College of Business

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Economics

College of Education

- Business Education
- Elementary/Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Health and Physical Education
- Recreation

Inter-college Programs

- International Studies
- Liberal Studies

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 "Poetry is meant to be read; it is a treat for the ears for anyone who appreciates rich language. It awakens some kind of hunger, then increases it."

Professor Barbara Hurd,
English

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 "As a history major at FSU, I gained a greater appreciation for the concept of the 'Past as Prologue'—what has gone before us has shaped the world as we know it."

Rita L. Knox,
History, 1979

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 "We try to emphasize the practical, to address issues our students are going to face out there in the workplace every day. We teach management in human terms."

Professor Tom Hawk,
MBA Program

Students have flexibility within some majors to select special areas of study. These special sequences of courses are called **concentrations**, **tracks** or **options** depending upon the standards for completing them. You will see these special groupings of courses listed under the majors to which they belong in the Courses of Study section.

Minors

You may also select from 31 minors. Minors require a minimum of 18 credit hours in an area of study outside your major.

Minors are offered in most of the major fields. Distinctive minors include African American Studies, Art History, Coaching, Dance, Environmental Humanities, Environmental Policy, Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Public Relations, Women's Studies, and Writing. These minors are listed separately in the Courses of Study section.

Distinctive Areas of Study and Focuses

The University offers 14 special course groupings which prepare students for different professions, or graduate programs, or give them academic distinction. Each of these areas of study is fully described in the Courses of Study section.

Dental Hygiene Preparation

Educational Professions

Education: K-12 Programs

Education: Secondary Programs

Engineering: Dual Degree Program

Honors Program

Law: Law School Preparation, Bachelors/Juris Doctorate Dual Degree Program

Mathematical Sciences (Focus)

Medical Technology Preparation

Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry, Veterinary Medicine Preparation

Nursing Preparation

Occupational Therapy Preparation

Pharmacy Preparation

Physical Therapy Preparation

Choosing a Major

Career Services publishes a guide to selecting a major which is available in 107 Pullen Hall. This office can also offer you counseling in selecting a major. Here is a list of additional campus resources which can help you decide.

- Majors Expo: annually in November
- Career Day: annually in October
- Computerized Career Guidance Programs: DISCOVER and VISIONS
- Faculty in departments offering majors which interest you
- ORIE 101: Introduction to Higher Education
- Office of Student and Educational Services
- Counseling Services
- Programs for Academic Support and Study (PASS)

Declaring a Major

You may declare a major during admission, in October of your first year through ORIE 101: Introduction to Higher Education, or by obtaining a declaration of major form from your academic advisor or from the Office of Student and Educational Services in Hitchins 114.

Many students become concerned about declaring the "right" major, but a major is never a final choice. You may change majors as many times as you like. Other students feel uncomfortable because they are not ready to declare a major. You may take up to 60 credits, however, before you are expected to declare a major.

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"Service learning experiences help students learn something they couldn't get in the classroom. When you work with people, there really is no right answer. It is not just a matter of memorizing theories—it is about applying them."

Kathy Powell,
Chair, Department of Social Work

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"Take as many courses above the required number as you can. Only the most knowledgeable and well-spoken are going to make it to the top."

Jocelyn Dequenne,
Speech Communication, 1987

The Campus and Its Surroundings

Frostburg State University is located in the Appalachian highlands (elevation 2,000 feet) of western Maryland. The main campus covers 260 acres within the town limits of Frostburg (population 7,500). The University also offers courses in Frederick, Maryland, at the Center in Hagerstown and at the USM Downtown Baltimore Center.

The local region is rich in both history and outdoor activities. Students can visit nearby recreational areas—Rocky Gap, New Germany, and Deep Creek Lake State Parks—which offer camping, boating, swimming, hiking, and skiing.

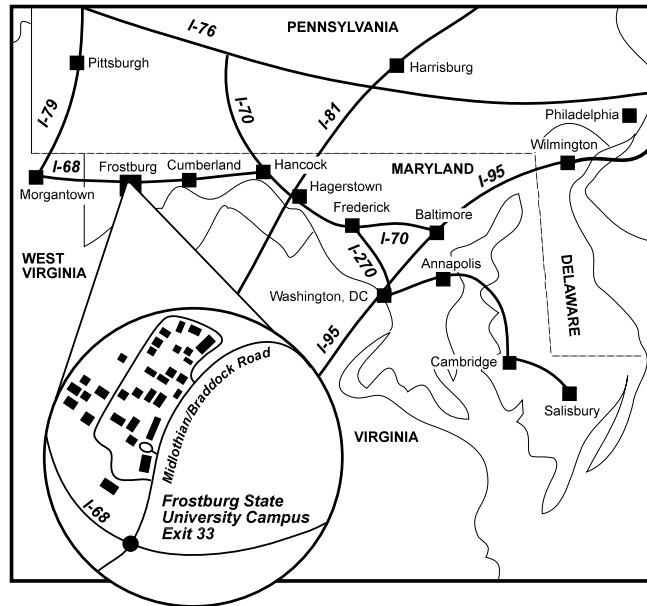
Getting to FSU

From Baltimore and east: take I-70 west to I-68 west at Hancock, MD. Continue to the second exit for Frostburg, Exit 33 (Midlothian/Braddock Road). Bear right and proceed approximately one mile to the main entrance to the FSU campus.

From Morgantown, WV, and west: take I-68 east to Exit 33 (Midlothian/Braddock Road). Turn left onto and proceed approximately one mile to the main entrance to the campus.

To the Center in Hagerstown, take I-70 west from Baltimore and exit onto I-81 north. Take the Downtown Hagerstown exit and follow Route 40 east to the Center on the downtown Public Square.

To the Frederick Center, take I-270 to Exit 31B; travel south on MD85. Turn right onto Crestwood, into the Westview Corporate Campus. Turn right on Westview Drive. The Center is located at 5300 Westview Drive, Suite 406.



Facilities

The University buildings and grounds make learning, living and working on our campus a special pleasure. Nature easily enters into the daily lives of students: buildings are set around grassy quads; varieties of plants and the surrounding woods change with the seasons.

The University facilities include the 260-acre main campus, the Center in Hagerstown, and the Center in Frederick.

The Main Campus

Our classroom buildings include Compton, Dunkle, Fine Arts, Framptom, Gunter, Lowndes, Old Main, Pullen, Tawes and the Guild Human Resources Center. Students also attend classes in the Performing Arts Center and the Cordts Physical Education Center.

In addition to specialized departmental labs in all departments, science facilities include a planetarium, greenhouse, live animal rooms, centrifuge, herbarium, arboretum, biotechnology center and electron microscope. In the next few years, science facilities will be greatly expanded and improved through the renovation of Gunter and Tawes Halls, and the proposed addition of a new Compton Science Center. The state-of-the-art Appalachian Laboratory of the USM Center for Environmental Studies also provides research facilities for FSU students and faculty.

Forty-five per cent of our students live on campus in eleven residence halls: Allen, Annapolis, Cambridge, Cumberland, Diehl, Frederick, Frost, Gray, Simpson, Sowers, and Westminster.

Student meals are served in the Chesapeake Dining Hall.

Executive offices are located in the Hitchins Administration Building.

Pullen Hall provides one-stop shopping for student services. Current occupants include the Office of

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 "The electronic microscopy laboratory is one way the University and the biology department contribute to bringing new and diversified industry into the region. This sophisticated instrumentation is usually restricted to large, urban universities."

Dr. David Morton,
 Biology Department

Recruitment Services (Admissions and Financial Aid), Programs for Academic Support and Studies (P.A.S.S.), Disability Support Services, Student Support Services, the Counseling Center, Career Services, the Career Resource Center, Student Development, Upward Bound, the Regional/Math Science Center, Veterans' Affairs, and the University Children's Center. In late 1999, the offices of Graduate Services, Registrar, and University and Student Billing will relocate from Hitchins to Pullen to allow students to find the assistance they most often need in one location.

Specialized Facilities

Lane Center

This student union was built and operates with student fees. It contains student organization offices, bookstore, meeting and game rooms, restaurant and convenience store. Lane Center programs and services are described in the Campus Life chapter.

Performing Arts Center

Students studying music, theatre and communication can flourish in the Performing Arts Center. It contains three state-of-the-art theaters (Pealer Recital Hall, Drama Theater, Studio Theater), rehearsal spaces, music practice rooms and electronic labs, shops, offices, classrooms and facilities for the hearing-impaired. Campus and community audiences are welcome at a wealth of concerts and performances. For information, contact the Facilities Manager at 301/687-7460.

Academic Computing

Students have access to a rich computing environment that includes individual department labs housed in various campus buildings as well as the main computing center located in Compton Hall. The Compton Computer Center offers:

- Apple, Windows, and SGI workstations connected to the campus network and the Internet.
- Scanning and printing facilities.
- Standard software including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, Internet browsers, Email, programming languages, graphics production and library access.
- Access to statistics packages and programming languages through the academic mini-computer.

Additionally, Academic Computing offers:

- Internet and Email accounts for students, faculty, and staff.
- Support for students on connections from the residence halls to the University's fiber network (Port per Pillow).
- Internet dial-up service for off-campus students.
- Assistance with general computer-related software and hardware questions and problems.

Academic Computing may be reached at 301/687-7090. Visit our website at www.frostburg.edu/admin/acacom

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"When the Communist Party removed books and forbade us from reading, it cut us off from the external world and thus blinded us. When I walked into the Lewis J. Ort Library on a mild sunny day in May 1992, I was amazed [that] I could reach those books, magazines, journals and newspapers. No sign said stop; no one told me to stay away from the bookshelves. I saw only smiling faces and heard a gentle voice of a librarian—"May I help you?" Suddenly I felt a burst of joy in my chest. It was a pleasure of release to freedom from long-time political and mental restraints."

Hua Lin Sun,
M.Ed., 1994

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"In the Performing Arts Center, we showcase the best performance work available in this region, open access to external examples of creativity, and render extraordinary services in the performing arts and communication to local schools and the community at large."

Dr. Philip Allen,
Dean, School of Arts and
Humanities
1987-1999



FSU's Performing Arts Center

The Library

The Lewis J. Ort Library provides a wealth of research and reference materials for student and community use.

- Over one-half million print titles in the collection
- Web access to library holdings and to other University System of Maryland campus libraries
- Media center of non-print materials and teacher materials collection
- U.S. and Maryland Government documents and maps
- Periodical collection with over 1,300 subscriptions and 2,000 Web access titles
- Special collections with emphasis on Western Maryland
- Interlibrary loan services
- CD-ROM reference works
- Individual and group instruction for use of the library's print/electronic resources and effective research strategies
- Public Internet work stations
- Library's homepage at <http://www.frostburg.edu/dept/library/library.htm> with access to the MdUSA interface which provides access to all of the library's Web databases on-campus or off-campus.

Distance Learning

Teaching and technology join together in the Distance Learning Classrooms to provide a cutting-edge learning environment supported by interactive video and multimedia equipment. In these "virtual" classrooms, students can participate in courses offered by other institutions as well as share on-campus classes with students at Frostburg State University's Hagerstown Center and at other locations throughout the State of Maryland. To find out more about distance learning, contact the Instructional Technology Support Center (301/687-4353).

Harold J. Cordts Physical Education Center

Students with valid University identification can use the extensive indoor and outdoor facilities of the Harold J. Cordts Physical Education Center:

- Three gymnasiums for basketball and other sports
- Swimming pool with 12-ft diving well
- Weight rooms, free weights, and Badger Magnum machines
- Racquetball and squash courts
- Outdoor tennis courts, football stadium, track facilities
- Baseball, soccer, and other athletic fields

For information, contact the Director at 301/687-4436.

University Children's Center

The University operates a licensed Pre-School/Extended Child Care Program for the children of students, employees and community residents from Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Developmentally appropriate experiences are provided for three, four and five-year-olds in art, math, science, cooking, music and movement, dramatic play, large muscle and fine motor activities. The Center is located in 104-105 Pullen Hall. For more information, call 301/687-4027.

Women's Studies Resource Center

The Women's Studies Resource Center provides a place for students to find resource materials on gender issues and to get information about the Women's Studies Program. The Women's Studies Program coordinator operates the Center, located in Room 510 of the Ort Library (301/687-7933).

Frederick and Hagerstown Centers

The Hagerstown Center (301/791-4020) offers a full MBA degree and a master's in education. Students may enroll in junior/senior-level courses leading to a bachelor's degree in accounting, business administration, justice studies or sociology. The Center offers classes from 9:00 a.m. through 11:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on Saturday mornings. Most classes are offered late afternoon or evening, although classes utilizing interactive distance learning are offered throughout the day.

The Frederick Center (301/695-3965) offers a full MBA degree through evening classes Monday through Thursday; and undergraduate majors in business administration and justice studies through evening and weekend classes.

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 "With Distance Learning opportunities, FSU students have the ability to interact academically with faculty and students of other colleges and universities. As the hub of Western Maryland's Interactive Distance Learning network, Frostburg State University is a regional leader in distributed learning as we move into the next century."

Karen Bambacus,
 Director of Instructional
 Technology, FSU

University History

1898	The Maryland General Assembly authorized State Normal School #2 and a \$20,000 appropriation for a building. The Governor selected Frostburg as a site because the residents offered the best suitable location without cost to the State.
1898	Townpeople raised the money to buy Beall's Park—a two-acre site—for the State Normal School.
1900	Old Main—the first campus building—was completed.
1902	Fifty-seven students attended the first classes of the State Normal School at Frostburg. We offered a two-year program of elementary school teacher training.
1904	Our first commencement. Students received a diploma and a life-time teaching certificate.
1913	The Model School began operating in its new building. This was our first campus training school which allowed student teachers to work directly with children in the classroom.
1919	We opened our first residence hall.
1930	A six-room training school for student teachers replaced the 1913 Model School.
1931	Our teacher training program expanded from two to three years, and then from three to four years in 1934.
1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The institution's name changed to State Teachers College at Frostburg. ● The first four-year degree students graduated with Bachelors in Science in Elementary Education.
1946	The college first offered a liberal arts junior college program. This degree was discontinued in 1960 when four-year programs replaced it.
1947	We completed our first science building. It was followed by the Garrett Science Building in 1952 and the Tawes Science Hall and Planetarium in 1968.
1949-50	50th Anniversary Year
1950-51	The State Legislature funded a 40-acre expansion to our campus and 5 new buildings.
1959	The new teacher-training laboratory school was completed and named after State Superintendent of Schools Thomas G. Pullen. It continued operating as an elementary school until 1976.
1960	The Board of Trustees granted Frostburg State Teachers College the right to confer the Bachelor of Arts degree and the Master of Education.
1961	Our first black student (Leon Brumback) graduated.
1963	In July, we became Frostburg State College.
1964-79	We experienced significant growth during these fifteen years. Six residence halls were completed as well as eleven campus buildings including the Chesapeake Dining Hall, Framptom Hall, Fine Arts, Dunkle Hall, Lane Center, the Lewis J. Ort Library, the Physical Education Center, Hitchins Administration Building, and the Stangle Service Building.
1971	The Master of Science in Management Degree was first offered. This degree was replaced by the MBA in 1989.
1975	The Appalachian Environmental Laboratory—part of the Center for Environmental Science of the University System of Maryland—opened on our campus.
1986	The Nelson P. Guild Center was completed to house the Social Sciences and Business programs.
1987	In July, our institution was granted University status.
1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We joined the University System of Maryland which is comprised of 11 of the State's 4-year institutions and two research institutions. ● The Center in Hagerstown opened.
1989	The first FSU Medallion was presented to Lewis J. Ort. Our second recipient was Governor William Donald Schaefer in 1990 and Gerald Arpino in 1994.
1990	The Frederick MBA program opened.
1991	Dr. Catherine Gira became the second woman president of our institution. Lillian C. Compton served as president from 1945-55.
1994	The Performing Arts Center was completed. On April 24, The Joffrey Ballet performed in the new Center in celebration of its debut on our campus 37 years ago.
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bell Atlantic distance education classrooms were installed at Frostburg and the Hagerstown Center. ● FSU became the site of the Washington Redskins summer training camp.
1997	Groundbreaking for the Center for Environmental Science's Appalachian Laboratory was held.
1998	The University celebrated its Centennial with a year-long series of events.

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"Students would teach students [at the Frostburg Normal School]. You went straight on through high school to college. There was only one man in my class because teaching was more a woman's work. Men were often working in the mines."

Mabel Myers,
Education, 1913

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"Student Government and the College Center Board brought wonderful social, cultural and intellectual activities to campus. I remember picking up Strom Thurmond from the airport two days after George Wallace was shot."

The Honorable Martin Welch,
Political Science/Social Science,
1974

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"We spent at least two hours talking with [the students]. We found they had never seen a pair of pointe shoes. They wanted to know when and how a dancer began. It was revealing to us; we were preaching the gospel of dance!"

Gerald Arpino,
Artistic Director of the Joffrey Ballet, describing the debut performance of the Joffrey at FSU on Oct. 2, 1956.

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“Diversity is important because we need to know more about each other. It is not realistic at this stage in history to only know only about our own culture. It is a necessity to relate to and understand a variety of cultures in the workplace and in the global community.”

Tracee Wilkins '97,
Mass Communication

Diversity and Equal Opportunity

Frostburg State University affirms its commitment to a campus environment which values human diversity and respects individuals who represent that diversity. Fostering diversity and respect for difference is a fundamental goal of higher education, ranking among the highest priorities of this institution.

In this spirit, Frostburg State University is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and to the elimination of discrimination in both education and employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic background, gender, sexual orientation, age, creed, political or religious opinion or affiliation, disability, veteran's status or marital status, in conformity with all pertinent Federal and State laws on non-discrimination and equal opportunity.

The following policies guide the University in meeting its aims of diversity and equal opportunity. Copies of these policies are available in the Office of Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity (301/687-4101).

- Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity (PN 1.002)
- Sexual Harassment Policy (PN 1.004 Revised)
- Policy on Diversity (PN 1.006)
- Policy of Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity (PN 1.008)

Americans with Disabilities Act

Frostburg State University does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions or in access to any of its programs or activities.

It is committed to full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA requires that all University programs, services, and activities be accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities. If a program or service is inaccessible to disabled persons, the University maintains responsibility for providing reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility. This includes, but is not limited to, access to classes, lectures and all campus-sponsored events, on-campus housing, and all facilities used by students and visitors. You may request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office (301/687-4481; TDD 301/687-7955).

Accreditation

The University and its programs are accredited by the following associations and agencies:

- Frostburg State University -- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
- Teacher Education Programs -- Maryland State Department of Education
- M.S. in Counseling Psychology -- Interorganizational Board for Accreditation of Masters in Psychology Programs
- B.A./B.S. in Social Work -- Council on Social Work Education
- Counseling Service -- International Association of Counseling Services