The Mission of the University

Summary Mission Statement
Frostburg State University is a student-centered teaching and learning institution featuring experiential opportunities. The University offers students a distinctive and distinguished baccalaureate education along with a select set of applied master's and doctoral programs. Frostburg serves regional and statewide economic and workforce development; promotes cultural enrichment, civic responsibility and sustainability; and prepares future leaders to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

Approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland. Approval of the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

Statement on Liberal Education
We believe that liberal education empowers students and frees them from ignorance by informing them about the world, its histories, methods of inquiry, and values. Liberal education develops students' intellects and enhances their love of learning and awareness of individual and social responsibility by encouraging them to learn and apply knowledge to solve important problems.

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, genetic information, 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 ADA/EEO and Title IX Compliance Office (301.687.4102).

• Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity (PN 1.002)
• Policy On Sexual Misconduct (VI-1.60)
• Policy on Diversity (PN 1.006)
• Policy of Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity (PN 1.008)
• Policy on Compliance with Disability Discrimination Laws (PN 3.073)
• Policy On Reasonable Accommodations for Disabilities Due to Pregnancy (PN 3.119)

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 accommodation 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. To request accommodation through the ADA Compliance Office, call 301.687.4102 or use a Voice Relay Operator at 1.800.735.2258.
Frostburg State University’s Institutional Learning Goals reflect the mission of the University through a focus on five specific areas of student learning. Individual departments, programs, and services will provide opportunities, where appropriate, for you to attain the skills and dispositions identified by the University as essential to education.

1. Liberal knowledge and skills of inquiry, critical thinking and synthesis
You will acquire knowledge in the humanities, the natural sciences, the social sciences, and the arts, which collectively embody the human cultural heritage. You will develop your abilities to practice higher-level critical thinking.

You will
a. apply different methods of inquiry from various perspectives and disciplines to gather information;
b. comprehend and apply various research methods to evaluate information critically;
c. analyze complex issues and construct logical conclusions;
d. use problem-defining and problem-solving skills by synthesizing ideas within and across disciplines;
e. demonstrate sustained intellectual curiosity.

2. Core skills
You will become proficient in reading, writing, speaking and listening. You will also develop quantitative literacy and technological fluency.

You will
a. comprehend and critically interpret information in written and oral forms;
b. communicate information and ideas effectively;
c. understand and apply mathematical reasoning to solve quantitative problems and to evaluate quantitative information and arguments;
d. use technological resources to access and communicate relevant information.

3. Acquisition and application of specialized knowledge
You will gain knowledge and skills appropriate both for your field of study and to enter into the professional sector and/or graduate school.

You will
a. demonstrate technical and analytic skills that are appropriate to your field of study and applicable to future careers;
b. acquire research skills and specialized vocabulary for critical discourse;
c. demonstrate competencies and achievements appropriate to your field of study;
d. apply classroom learning in a combination of reflective practice and experiential education.

4. Values & social responsibility
You will critically explore, evaluate, and define your values and become a responsible citizen in a complex and changing society.

You will
a. demonstrate respect and tolerance for other cultures and societies;
b. make professional and personal judgments based on ethical considerations and societal values;
c. exhibit civic responsibility and leadership;
d. understand the purpose and value of community service in advancing society;
e. demonstrate an awareness of and appreciation for the natural environment.

5. Appreciation of cultural identities
You will gain insight into the ways cultural identities and experiences shape individual perspectives of the world and influence interactions with people from different backgrounds.

You will
a. demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential for communicating and cooperating effectively with people of diverse backgrounds;
b. understand the cultural and social exercise of power;
c. recognize and appreciate arguments supporting perspectives different from your own.
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 48 different undergraduate majors, many of which allow you to choose a specialization within a broader field of study. In addition, a major in mechanical engineering is offered in collaboration with the University of Maryland, College Park. These programs are taught by faculty assigned to one of three colleges: the College of Business, the College of Education and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

College of Business

Accounting
Business Administration
- finance
- general management
- hospitality management
- human resource management
- international business
- marketing
- small business/entrepreneurship

Economics
- business economics
- public policy economics
- quantitative economics

College of Education

Athletic Training
Adventure Sports Management
Early Childhood/Elementary Education
Elementary Education
- integrated arts
- language and literacy
- social science and civics
- STEM

Elementary/Middle School Dual Certification
Exercise & Sport Science
Health & Physical Education
Recreation & Parks Management
- adventure sports
- community program delivery
- hospitality management & tourism
- therapeutic recreation

Social Science+
Secondary Teacher Education*

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Art and Design+
- seven studio focuses

Biology+
- molecular biology
- environmental science

Chemistry+
- biochemistry
- professional chemistry
- traditional chemistry

Communication Studies
- conflict communication
- leadership communication
- public communication & rhetorical studies

Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
- networks

Earth Science+
- environmental science

Engineering
- electrical engineering
- industrial chemistry
- materials engineering
- engineering management

English
- creative writing
- literature
- professional writing

Environmental Analysis & Planning

Ethnobotany

Foreign Languages & Literature+
- French
- Spanish

Geography
- climate system science
- global systems analysis
- mapping sciences

Health Science

History
- international history
- history of the Americas

Information Technology
- accounting
- business information technology
- computer security
- graphic arts
- mass communication

International Studies
- international business
- international development
- international economics
- international politics

Interpretive Biology & Natural History

Law & Society
- criminal justice
- legal studies

Liberal Studies
Mass Communication
- nine professional focuses

Mathematics+

Mechanical Engineering
(in collaboration w/UMCP)

Music+
- instrumental performance
- music management
- vocal performance

Nursing: RN to BSN (collaborative)

Philosophy

Physics+
- engineering physics
- traditional physics

Political Science

Psychology

Secure Computing & Information Assurance

Social Work

Sociology

Theatre
- acting
- design/technology
- theatrical studies

Urban & Regional Planning

Wildlife & Fisheries

*only available as a second major

= concentration
► = track
+= teaching certification option

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Minors
You may also select from 47 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 (no similar majors offered) include:

**College of Business**
- Finance
- Financial Services
- Management
- Marketing
- Small Business/Entrepreneurship

**College of Education**
- Coaching
- Health Promotion

**College of Liberal Arts & Sciences**
- African American Studies
- Animal Behavior
- Art History
- Cultural Anthropology
- Dance
- Film Studies
- Fine Arts
- Forestry
- Graphic Design
- Jazz Studies
- Journalism
- Leadership Studies
- Public Relations
- Sustainability Studies
- Women's Studies

Distinctive Areas of Study and Emphases
The University offers a number of special course groupings which prepare you for different professions or graduate programs, or give you academic distinction. Each of these areas of study is fully described in each College's section of this catalog.

**College of Business**
- B.S. Accounting/MBA Dual Degree

**College of Education**
- Educational Professions
- Education: P-12 Programs
- Physical Therapy Preparation

**College of Liberal Arts & Sciences**
- Addictions Counseling
- Child and Family Counseling
- Computer Print Graphics
- Dental Hygiene Preparation
- Law: Law School Preparation, Bachelors/Juris Doctor Dual Degree Program
- Leadership in Psychology
- Mathematical Sciences (Focus)
- Medical Technology Preparation
- Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry, Veterinary Medicine Preparation
- Nursing Preparation
- Occupational Therapy Preparation
- Pharmacy Preparation
- Professional Writing
- Public Administration
- Teaching of Writing
- International Area Studies

Certificate Programs
Degree-seeking undergraduates and non-degree-seeking community members may earn a certificate in several specialized areas. Certificate programs are designed to provide specialized skills and knowledge that may enhance your undergraduate program and/or provide skills useful in employment. Undergraduate certificates include a minimum of 12 credit hours.

The following certificate programs currently are offered.

- **Software Development**
  (Computer Science)

- **Networking**
  (Computer Science)

- **Programming**
  (Computer Science)

- **International Area Studies**
  (International Studies)
Choosing a Major

There are many campus resources that can help you find a major that’s a good fit for you:

• The Center for Academic Advising and Retention is here to assist you if you have not declared a major or are considering changing your major.
• The Career and Professional Development Center publishes a guide to declaring your major, provides resources to help explore academic areas and offers individual counseling to assist your search.
• Majors Fair: annually in the fall semester
• Career Expo: annually in October
• CAREER BEAM: an online career assessment program
• FSU Connections: learning communities
• Faculty in departments offering majors which interest you
• ORIE 101: Introduction to Higher Education
• Office of Student Affairs
• Counseling and Psychological Services
• Programs Advancing Student Success (PASS)

Declaring a Major

First time college students and transfer students may declare their major at the time of admission. Transfer students will be assigned a departmental advisor at registration, while freshman students will be initially advised by their ORIE 101 – Introduction to Higher Education instructor. Freshmen may transition to departmental advising during their second semester after confirming their major choice with their ORIE advisor and meeting with the chair of the department that offers the program. You are expected to declare a major by the time you have completed 45 credit hours. You can change your major at any time. Talk to your advisor and the chair of the department that offers the new major if you want to make a change.
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 programs at the University System of Maryland - Hagerstown, Anne Arundel Community College Regional Higher Education Center at Arundel Mills, the Catonsville Campus of the Community College of Baltimore County, Cecil College and Garrett College.

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.

Facilities

The University buildings and grounds, set on 260 acres, 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 is also the Coordinating Institution for the University System of Maryland - Hagerstown.

The Main Campus

Our classroom buildings include the new Gira Center for Communications and Information Technology, Compton Science Center, Dunkle, Fine Arts, Framptom, Gunter, Lowndes, Old Main, Pullen 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. The Appalachian Laboratory of the USM Center for Environmental Studies also provides research facilities for FSU students and faculty, as does the new research park. Finally, FSU is one of the few institutions that gives undergraduates the opportunity to conduct non-invasive research on animal behavior through providing a home to a cotton-top tamarin colony.

Our students live on campus in 11 residence halls (Allen, Annapolis, Cambridge, Cumberland, Diehl, Frederick, Frost, Gray, Simpson, Sowers and Westminster), and Edgewood Commons, a privately owned apartment-style community.

Student meals are served in the Chesapeake Dining Hall, the Appalachian Station in the Lane University Center, and at Subway in Sowers Hall.

Pullen and Sand Spring Halls house most student services offices. In Pullen, you will find Admissions and Financial Aid, the Registrar, University and Student Billing, Office of Graduate Services, Center for Academic Advising and Retention (CAAR), Programs Advancing Student Success (P.A.S.S.), Disability Support Services and TRiO Student Support Services. Sand Spring Hall is the home to Counseling and Psychological Services, Career and Professional Development, the Career Resource Center, Veterans’ Affairs, Upward Bound and the Regional Math/Science Center.
Specialized Facilities

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

- **OneSearch**, the library’s discovery tool for thousands of books, articles, information databases and online resources available at [http://www.frostburg.edu/lewis-ort-library/](http://www.frostburg.edu/lewis-ort-library/)
- Consortium of 16 libraries within the University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions (USMAI), which provides access to additional research materials
- ILLIAD interlibrary loan services to request research materials from other libraries beyond the USMAI libraries
- Thousands of electronic books (e-books) covering all academic subjects and accessible 24/7 using the Library’s online catalog at [http://catalog.umd.edu/F/](http://catalog.umd.edu/F/) or OneSearch
- Reference assistance onsite or online through Maryland AskUsNow chat reference or Ask a Librarian email at [www.frostburg.edu/lewis-ort-library/asklib](http://www.frostburg.edu/lewis-ort-library/asklib). Individual Research Consultations are also available at [http://www.frostburg.edu/lewis-ort-library/userserv/research-consultation-services/](http://www.frostburg.edu/lewis-ort-library/userserv/research-consultation-services/)
- Over 700 reference resources available online via Credo and Gale Virtual Reference Library at [http://libguides.frostburg.edu/databaselists](http://libguides.frostburg.edu/databaselists)
- Circulating art prints, DVDs, CDs, VHS tapes and teacher materials
- Microfilm reader/printer/scanners available for historic newspaper and periodical collection
- Selective depository for print and electronic U.S. and Maryland government documents and maps
- Special collections and archives with emphasis on Western Maryland, including the public papers of two U.S. Senators from Maryland – J. Glenn Beall and J. Glenn Beall, Jr.
- Individual and group instruction in information literacy/fluency in the use of the library’s resources
- 100 Internet work stations including 12 iMacs, a 32-station electronic instruction center, public scanners and wireless Internet access
- Individual study rooms, five small group computer rooms and a smart multimedia room for practicing group oral presentations

Visit the Lewis J. Ort Library website at [www.frostburg.edu/lewis-ort-library](http://www.frostburg.edu/lewis-ort-library).

**Lane University Center**
The newly renovated and expanded Lane University Center is the hub for student activities and was built and operates with student fees. It contains a fitness center, computer lab, a state-of-the-art smart lounge featuring Xbox 360 and Wii gaming stations, student organization offices, the University Store, The Appalachian Station restaurant, The Loft and Starbucks. Lane University Center programs and services are described in the Campus Life chapter.

**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
- Weight rooms with Matrix and Life Fitness cardio-vascular equipment, Hammer Strength free weights and Tuff Stuff machines
- Racquetball courts
- Climbing gym
- Outdoor tennis courts and all-weather track

For information on availability, contact the director at 301.687.4462

**Performing Arts Center**
Students studying theatre and dance, music and communication studies can flourish in the Performing Arts Center. The center contains three state-of-the-art performing spaces: the 338-seat Drama Theater,
the 175-seat F. Perry Smith Studio Theater and the 458-seat Pealer Recital Hall. It is complete with scenic and costume shops, a box office, practice rooms, faculty and staff offices, dressing rooms, two separate dedicated computer labs and other production facilities. Campus and community audiences are welcome at a wealth of concerts and performances. For more information, contact the director of the Performing Arts Center at 301.687.3037.

Department of Technology Services

The Technology Services Department is dedicated to providing meaningful and successful experiences with technology to support teaching and learning. We provide resources, technical assistance, and advocacy for technology initiatives for faculty, staff, and students. Core components of the department include Help Desk, PC maintenance, classroom and lab support, computer purchases, software licensing, website management, and multi-media. Help Desk support provides assistance for any technical issue including Blackboard, PAWS, e-mail, Internet connectivity, etc. Interactive video instruction at FSU is conducted through the University System of Maryland’s Interactive Video Network (IVN). This network provides an opportunity for interaction with other institutions within the state of Maryland and beyond.

Computer Labs

Students have access to a rich computing environment that includes specialized department labs housed in various campus buildings as well as the main University Computer Labs located in CCIT. The University Computer Labs offer:

- Apple and Windows workstations connected to the campus network and the Internet.
- Scanning and printing facilities.
- Standard software including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, Internet browsers, graphics production, and other specialized software.
- Access to statistics packages, programming languages, and database programs through academic servers.
- Operational support for the 24 hour/7 days a week lab located in CCIT 133 (access via student ID only).

Department of Instructional Design & Delivery

The principal mission of education at Frostburg is to enhance student access to the University’s academic programs. The University is committed to providing students the support and resources needed to succeed as participants in campus-based and distance education. The Instructional Design & Delivery Department provides helpful resources for online and face-to-face courses.

Frostburg State University’s online courses and programs, taught by certified faculty, are open to all eligible students who are prepared to learn in an online environment. Online courses at FSU allow students to pursue their degree requirements outside the traditional classroom setting, which also provides an opportunity to acquire the technical skills and learning strategies important to the pursuit of students’ academic and career goals. Taking online courses can also accelerate their time to degree. Most of the course materials (other than textbooks) are available electronically with use of the web as the primary means of communication. Some courses may require limited on-site contact between students and the instructor (e.g., an orientation session or proctored testing) at various times throughout the academic term.

Both departments may be reached at 301.687.7090. The FSU Help Desk can be reached at 301.687.7777. Visit our website at www.frostburg.edu/computing.
The University System of Maryland - Hagerstown

The University System of Maryland - Hagerstown (USMH) is a regional higher-education center located in downtown Hagerstown that offers upper-division-undergraduate and graduate academic programs of the universities within the University System of Maryland at a state-of-the-art facility. While Frostburg State University is the managing institution for USMH, six institutions offer degrees at USMH: Coppin State University; Frostburg State University; Towson University; University of Maryland, College Park; University of Maryland University College and Salisbury University. USMH undergraduate and graduate programs are premier offerings of the USM educational institutions, chosen because they meet the needs of the Washington County business community and of prospective students from Hagerstown and Frederick Community Colleges and the wider tri-state region.

USM institutions currently offer 13 undergraduate and 8 graduate degrees onsite. Baccalaureate programs include: business administration, early childhood education, sociology and liberal studies. Graduate programs include master’s programs in business administration, and elementary and secondary education, and an Ed.D. in educational leadership. USMH offers access to on-site academic advising, computer labs and a full-service library to meet student needs.

USMH is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For further information, contact the USMH Center at 240.527.2060, or the FSU office at USMH at 240.527.2741.

Other Instructional Sites and Online Programs

The BA/BS in recreation and parks management, including the therapeutic recreation concentration, is offered at the Community College of Baltimore County. The electrical engineering concentration in the BS in engineering may be completed at the Anne Arundel Community College Regional Higher Education Center at Arundel Mills. The BS in engineering with a concentration in materials engineering may be completed at Cecil College. The BS in adventure sports management is offered at Garrett College.

Graduate programs delivered online include: Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Recreation and Parks Management, Master of Science in Computer Science and Master of Science in Nursing.
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 Townspeople 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 The institution’s name changed to State Teachers College at Frostburg.

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, the Tawes Science Hall and Planetarium in 1968 and the Compton Science Center in 2003.

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, Frampton 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 We joined the University System of Maryland, which is comprised of 11 of the State’s 4-year institutions and one research institution.

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.

1991 Dr. Catherine Gira became the second woman president of our institution. Lillian Compton was 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 before.

1995 Bell Atlantic distance education classrooms were installed at Frostburg and the Hagerstown Center.

1998 The University celebrated its Centennial with a year-long series of events.

1999 The Center for Environmental Science’s new Appalachian Laboratory building opens.

2000 FSU was the first-ever recipient of the Corporation for National Service’s Higher Education Award for Leadership in National Service.

2002 Gunter Hall renovated and reopens.

2003 Compton Science Center and Edgewood Commons apartment complex open.

2005 FSU incorporates the Hagerstown Center’s programs into the new University System of Maryland at Hagerstown.

2006 Dr. Jonathan Gibralter becomes the 14th president of Frostburg State University.

2008 First building, FSU Research Center, opens in ABC@FSU.

2012 First doctorate degree offered; FSU named “College of Distinction”; Sustainable Energy Research Facility (SERF) dedicated.