

Academic Affairs Mission

Academic Affairs Mission: Academic Affairs is a community of educators that supports the University's [mission](#) by enrolling, teaching, retaining, graduating, and inspiring diverse lifelong learners prepared to contribute to the common good.

Commitment Statements

We are committed to:

- Developing and sustaining an accessible academic environment and support services that ensure student learning, integrity, and success.
- Recruiting, enrolling and retaining a diverse undergraduate and graduate population from the Commonwealth as well as regionally, nationally, and internationally.
- Building and sustaining an extensive array of high-quality academic programs grounded firmly in the liberal arts tradition that equip students with the necessary tools and competencies to succeed personally and professionally.
- Providing increased access to resources, technology, and facilities in support of teaching and learning excellence.
- Facilitating the generation of knowledge by embedding and enhancing research, creative activity, and civic engagement in the teaching and learning process.
- Recruiting and retaining a diverse community of educators comprised of faculty teacher-scholars and academic staff, as well as fostering their professional development and success within a trusting team environment.

Guiding Principles

As a community of educators, we hold these guiding principles as paramount to carrying out our mission:

- Fostering student, team, and university success.
- Contributing to and ensuring an environment of trust, collaboration, equity-mindedness, compassion, grace, and honesty as outlined in our [Trusting Team Statement](#).
- Employing rigorous and systematic institutional planning and assessment to ensure continuous improvement.
- Providing honesty and transparency in communication and policies.
- Upholding our strong commitment to shared governance.