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See Also: Strategic Action Guidelines

POL-U1000.01 VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

This policy applies to all members of the Western Washington University campus community.

1. Vision

Western Washington University will become the premier public comprehensive university in the country through engaged excellence.

2. Mission: The Western Experience

Western Washington University is committed to engaged excellence in fulfilling its tripartite mission of teaching, scholarship, and community service in a student-centered environment, with a liberal arts foundation and opportunities to develop professional skills. As a public institution of higher education, Western serves the needs of the citizens of the state of Washington by providing undergraduate and select graduate programs in Bellingham and at selected locations elsewhere in the state. Western provides students with a personalized teaching and learning environment of the highest quality. Through engaged excellence:

- Western instills in graduates a life-long passion for learning and fosters individual curiosity, intellectual rigor, critical thinking, and creativity.
- Western promotes scholarly and creative work of significance and applies that scholarship in regional, national, and global communities.
- Western creates opportunities for students to display leadership, civic engagement, social responsibility, and effective citizenship.
- Western brings together an increasingly diverse and talented student body, faculty, and staff to form a learning community that,

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along with community partners, involves its members in active learning, scholarly discourse, and reflection.

- Western provides a high quality environment that complements the learning community on a sustainable and attractive campus intentionally designed to support student learning and environmental stewardship.

These efforts create an integrated and distinctive *Western Experience*.