

## ELEMENT 1

## ACADEMIC MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY

**FAU VISION STATEMENT**

Florida Atlantic University aspires to be recognized as a university of first choice for excellent and accessible undergraduate and graduate education, distinguished for the quality of its programs across multiple campuses, emulated for its collaborations with regional partners, and internationally acclaimed for its contributions to creativity and research.

**FAU MISSION STATEMENT**

Florida Atlantic University is a public research university with multiple campuses along the southeast Florida coast serving a uniquely diverse community. It promotes academic and personal development, discovery and lifelong learning. FAU fulfills its mission through excellence and innovation in teaching, outstanding research and creative activities, public engagement and distinctive scientific and cultural alliances, all within an environment that fosters inclusiveness.

**FAU VALUES**

Florida Atlantic University values an academic environment that facilitates intellectual growth through open and honest expression. The University is committed to excellence at all levels of the educational and creative experience, to success for all students and to development of the capacity to make reasoned and discriminating judgments with respect for differences and diversity in ideas. The University is dedicated to lifelong learning, which encourages the continual use of the mind. The University plays a vital role in the life of the surrounding community, in society and as an engine for economic development.

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY GOALS**

Note: The following Goals are available, with their subsequent objectives and policies, at the FAU Strategic Plan webpage at <http://www.fau.edu/strategicplan/>.

**Goal 1: PROVIDING INCREASED ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION**

Florida Atlantic University will continue to provide access to higher education for residents of the region, the state and the nation and will respond to the competitive economic environment by increasing the number of degrees granted to students at all levels.

**Goal 2: MEETING STATEWIDE PROFESSIONAL AND WORKFORCE NEEDS**

Florida Atlantic University will commit academic and fiscal resources to meeting Florida's need for trained professionals in nursing, teaching and advanced technology. FAU will demonstrate its commitment to recruiting and preparing students in these vital professions and to identifying emerging trends in the labor force.

**Goal 3: BUILDING WORLD-CLASS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH CAPACITY**

Florida Atlantic University will develop academic and research programs of the highest caliber to support Florida's strategic engagement in building an economy based on high technology and to foster a culture enriched by scholarly inquiry.

**Goal 4: MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS AND FULFILLING UNIQUE INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Florida Atlantic University will be a full participant in the life of its seven-county service region. It will advance economic development, encourage regional cooperation and sustainability, build partnerships in key areas of community need and enrich lives through lifelong learning.

**Goal 5: BUILDING A STATE-OF-THE-ART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENVIRONMENT**

Florida Atlantic University's information technology will meet the requirements of the faculty, students, staff and administration, responding to growth and offering expanded, faster and more reliable services in teaching, research, service and administration.

**Goal 6: ENHANCING THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT**

Florida Atlantic University will create a physical environment that fosters learning and promotes cultural and social interaction among the University's diverse communities.

**Goal 7: INCREASING THE UNIVERSITY'S VISIBILITY**

Florida Atlantic University will increase its visibility and strengthen its image locally, regionally, nationally and internationally by enhancing communication with internal and external audiences.