

FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Framingham State University prepares students for a productive life, enhanced by learning and leadership that will contribute to the culturally diverse world of the twenty-first century.

Founded by Horace Mann in 1839 as America's first public teachers' school, Framingham State University today offers undergraduate and graduate programs encompassing the arts and sciences and professional studies.

Committed to excellence, the Framingham State University learning community comprises teacher-scholars, librarians, students, and staff who promote free inquiry, the respectful exchange of ideas, ethical conduct, and the belief that diversity in its many forms is essential to the educational experience. In an environment that supports active, collaborative learning, students work closely with faculty to engage significant bodies of knowledge and develop their ability to gather and evaluate information, communicate effectively, think critically and creatively, reason quantitatively, and apply information and emerging technologies.

At Framingham State University teaching is the primary role of faculty, who engage in their disciplines through instruction, scholarship, and service on campus and in their professional communities. The University serves as an important educational and cultural center in the MetroWest region of Massachusetts.

A Framingham State University education cultivates thoughtful, responsible local and global citizens, prepares students for a career, and positions them for success.

FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to create a vibrant and innovative educational environment that is dedicated to academic excellence, ethical citizenship, personal and professional growth, global stewardship, and public purpose and commitment through an inclusive and collaborative community.

FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY CORE VALUES

The following shared core values direct our thinking, planning, actions, and initiatives:

- *Academic Excellence:* We strive to inspire a culture informed by the joy and work of learning, in which curiosity, discovery, innovation, and excellence are the driving forces in everything we do.
- *Ethical Citizenship:* We seek to foster a culture of ethics, integrity and respect, such that it creates the fertile ground that motivates our work and work ethic.
- *Personal and Professional Growth:* We aspire to create a nurturing culture where all thrive and are supported in their own paths toward lifelong growth and leadership in personal and professional ways.
- *Global Stewardship:* We endeavor to advance global understanding, empathy and stewardship for people and the environment, embracing diversity and a sense of community in both local and global settings.
- *Public Purpose and Commitment:* We strive to construct a community that is committed to public purpose, informed action and service.
- *Inclusive and Collaborative Community:* We seek to encourage a supportive, diverse, collaborative and cohesive environment in which we learn from each other through informed, clear, and open communication.