

Academic Affairs Mission Statement

The division of Academic Affairs is the University's driving force. The mission of the division is to promote and enhance the creation and dissemination of knowledge, to foster openness to differences and an awareness of the interdependence among people or ideas, and to instill a value of life-long learning through quality academic experiences.

The major programs of study in the three colleges, informed by appropriate professional standards, prepare students to be thoughtful leaders, to embark on careers or advanced study, and to be constructively engaged in the global society.

The liberal arts foundation informs the major programs of study, broadens students' perspective of the world, past and present, and fosters an appreciation for the interconnectedness of knowledge.

The major undergraduate programs of study provide the foundations, context and current state of the disciplines.

Graduate and continuing professional programs encourage intellectual advancement, research and scholarship, while emphasizing the development of applicable professional skills.

The academic mission of Shippensburg University places student learning at the center of the university, and the personal attention given to each student uniquely reflects this philosophy. Academic Affairs values and encourages student learning by emphasizing cross-divisional opportunities for faculty-student research, team-based projects, internships, service learning, study abroad, pre-professional programs, and living-learning communities. Academic Affairs strives to recruit and retain a highly qualified and diverse faculty by supporting scholarly professional activities that both promote excellence in teaching and further the academic mission of the university.

Academic Affairs Goals

1. Provide a curriculum and other learning experiences that creatively address the changing needs of a diverse, technologically-based, global society.
2. Create a student-centered environment to facilitate students' intellectual growth and success.
3. Cultivate the mutual interaction of theory and practice.
4. Foster a stimulating scholarly environment for faculty, staff, and students that advances new knowledge and enriches the curriculum.
5. Cultivate leadership, integrity, social equity, globalization, and civic engagement to prepare students for meaningful contributions to society.