A. PURPOSE

To comply with provisions of Board Policy 1:10 requiring the Northern State University mission statement to include the legislatively established purpose of the institution and the programs authorized by the Board to implement that purpose.

B. DEFINITIONS


C. POLICY

1. Statutory Mission

   The legislature established the statutory mission of Northern State University under SDCL 13-59-1 as:

   The primary purpose of Northern State University, at Aberdeen in Brown County . . . is the preparation of elementary and secondary teachers, and a secondary purpose is to offer preprofessional, one-year and two-year terminal and junior college programs. Four-year degrees other than in education and graduate work may be authorized by the Board of Regents.

2. Board of Regents Implementation of Statutory Mission

   The Board recognizes Northern State University’s mission as:

   NSU will be a nationally-recognized student-centered institution committed to academic and extracurricular excellence, and global learning opportunities in a beautiful Midwestern setting.

   The institution is also charged with promoting excellence in teaching and learning, supporting research, scholarly and creative activities, and providing service to the State of South Dakota, the region, and beyond.

   The Board approved a special emphasis on E-learning in the university curriculum and service. Northern State University is a member of the South Dakota System of Higher Education.
Northern State University is approved to offer programs and courses online through the Internet.

3. **Curriculum**

The following curriculum is approved for the university:

3.1. **Undergraduate Major Level Curriculum**


3.2. **Master’s Level Curriculum**

   Banking and Financial Services, Counseling, E-learning, and Education.

4. **Authorized Degrees**

4.1. **Undergraduate Degrees**

   Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), and Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.). Certificates in related fields.

4.2. **Graduate Degrees**

   Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Music Education (M.M.E), Master of Science (M.S.), and Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.). Certificates in related fields.

**FORMS / APPENDICES:**

None

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