

**BLUEFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**POLICY NO. AC-201
ACADEMIC OBJECTIVES AND ASSESSMENT**

SECTION 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Scope: This policy establishes the framework by which Bluefield State University ensures academic objectives and the assessment of student learning outcomes are maintained at a level consistent with the mission of the institution, accreditation requirements, and state.
- 1.2 Authority: West Virginia Code 18B-2A -1 et seq.; W.Va. Title 133 CSR 4
- 1.3 Filing Date: December 18, 2025.
- 1.4 Effective date: August 4, 2022; as amended, December 18, 2025.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION

- 2.1 This policy applies to all academic programs, both undergraduate and graduate, and extends to the assessment processes utilized by Academic Affairs and faculty.

SECTION 3. POLICY

- 3.1 The Board of Governors affirms that academic excellence and accountability in student learning are central to the mission of the University.
- 3.2 The Board delegates to the Provost, faculty, and Academic Affairs the authority to establish and review academic objectives and assessment processes.
- 3.3 The University shall maintain a cycle of assessment and program review that demonstrates responsiveness to student needs, workforce demands, and accreditation standards.
- 3.4 The Board requires that:
 - 3.4.1 Each academic program articulates clear learning objectives and outcomes.

3.4.2 Assessment processes are in place to measure student achievement of those objectives.

3.4.3 Results of assessment are used to improve teaching, learning and curriculum.

SECTION 4. ACCOUNTABILITY

4.1 **Academic Affairs and Faculty:** Responsible for developing and implementing learning objectives, conducting assessments and reporting results.

4.2 **Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs:** Ensures that assessment and program review processes are consistent with institutional and accreditor expectations; and compiles and submits an annual institutional assessment and program review report to the Board of Governors.

4.3 **Board of Governors:** Maintains oversight of academic quality by receiving annual reports, and reserves the authority to approve, review, or discontinue academic programs based on evidence of quality, demand and sustainability.

SECTION 5. REVIEW SCHEDULE

5.1 This policy shall be reviewed every three (3) years or as required by accrediting bodies, or state regulations.