

# Towards a Comprehensive

## Strategic Academic Vision

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University's strategic plan, *The Plan for Bucknell Institution-wide plan at "the 50,000-foot level"* 

Strategic Academic Vision: Aspirations, goals, and priorities

Specific academic tactics defined and proposed "Ground-level" initiatives and priorities

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#### Defining our academic aspirations

**Academic Vision Statement** 

For example:

"We will strive to provide the finest educational experiences for our students"

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But what does "the finest" mean, specifically?

An articulation of that vision

Educational (learning) goals at the institutional level

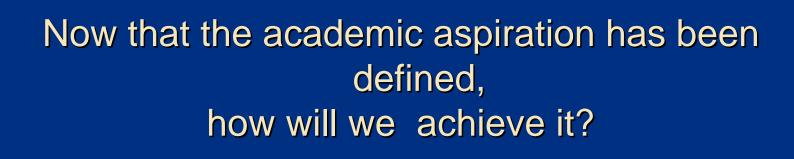
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### Educational (learning) goals

#### Resources:

- The Plan for Bucknell and Mission Statement
- Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education,
   Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 2002
- College Learning for the New Global Century,
   National Leadership Council, AAC&U, 2007
- Foundations for the Future: A Strategic Plan for Bucknell, 1991
- Learning goals adopted by other institutions



Strategies, priorities, and initiatives to achieve that vision





How successful are we in achieving that vision?

It's unlikely we can ever fully achieve it; nevertheless, we need to continue to refine and advance what we do

Assessment





#### A strategic academic vision will:

- Define and articulate the academic directions that will support, and be supported by, The Plan for Bucknell
- Meet Middle States accreditation requirements
- Provide academic objectives for the capital campaign
- Inform and support curricular and programmatic initiatives, such as the re-envisioning of the Common Learning Agenda in the College of Arts and Sciences