

## **Standard 1: Defining Institutional Purposes and Ensuring Educational Objectives**

### **Criteria for Review**

**1.1 The institution's formally approved statements of purpose and operational practices are appropriate for an institution of higher education and clearly define its essential values and character.**

*Guideline: The institution has a published mission statement that clearly describes its purposes. The institution's purposes fall within recognized academic areas and/or disciplines, or are subject to peer review within the framework of generally recognized academic disciplines or areas of practice.*

#### **Evidence:**

Sonoma State University is one of 23 campuses of the [California State University](#), and is a member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC). The [Sonoma State University mission](#) is to produce learned men and women who are prepared to contribute to their communities and the world at large, pursue fulfilling careers, and appreciate intellectual and artistic diversity. To accomplish this goal, the [university](#) provides a comprehensive range of both traditional and interdisciplinary undergraduate majors, some professional programs, and selected graduate programs (see [catalog](#) and also [degree programs offered](#)). The academic [Senate](#) and its subcommittees represent the governance structures through which the faculty reviews the academic disciplines and areas of practice.