## **Example Mission Statements**

## BA Theater, College of Visual and Performing Arts:

In accordance with the School of Theater's Mission, the BA Program allows students to pursue their training with a degree of flexibility, offering a wide choice of electives both in and outside the major, concurrent with theater production experience and Theater Core foundational coursework, encouraging exploration of various aspects of the industry.

## MS Bioengineering, Volgenau School of Engineering

The mission of the Department of Bioengineering is to create new knowledge and technology at the interface between engineering and bioscience to improve human health through research and education. The Bioengineering Master's program will prepare students for research and professional practice in bioengineering and related fields. Graduates of the program will be able to address concrete application problems in health care. This program also expands on the university's mission to make graduate-level education more inclusive and accessible to a diverse population of students.

## MS Sports and Recreation Studies, College of Education and Human Development

The MS in Sport and Recreation Studies provides, for academics and practitioners of Northern Virginia and the surrounding region, a theory-based and practice-driven curriculum and field experiences to prepare graduates to assume leadership positions in the recreation and sport industries. The mission of the program, developed in accordance with the vision of the university and the mission of the School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism, is to meet the growing need for professionals who will more adequately serve the industry and their communities, and for students who wish to pursue advanced study (doctoral programs) in these disciplinary areas leading to employment (and contributions) in academe. Building upon strong undergraduate program concentrations in Sport Management, Parks and Outdoor Recreation, and Therapeutic Recreation, the MS in SRST takes advantage of faculty expertise in the School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism at George Mason University. Five concentrations areas exist in key areas: International Sport Management, Recreation Administration, Sport and Leisure Studies, Sport Coaching, and Sport Management. Overall, the MS in Sport and Recreation Studies graduate program places significant emphasis on continuous evaluation of students' performance and progress, and course and program effectiveness for the purpose of program improvement.