

STUDENT IDENTITY VERIFICATION IN DISTANCE LEARNING POLICY

This policy is referenced in all three student catalogs, under the "Student Identity Verification in Distance Learning (<https://catalog.baypath.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/student-identity-verification-distance-learning/>)."

Purpose and Scope

This policy applies to all credit-bearing online courses or programs offered by the Bay Path University, beginning with the application for admission and continuing through to a student's graduation, transfer or withdrawal from the University. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Bay Path University operates in compliance with the provisions of the United States Federal Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) concerning the verification of student identity in distance education and the expectation of the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Bay Path University complies fully with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, which protects the privacy of student information in distance education by requiring, with certain limited exceptions, that the student's consent must be obtained before disclosing any personally identifiable information in the student's education records.