

OVERVIEW AND GOVERNING BODIES

INTRODUCTION TO SUU

Southern Utah University (SUU) is a regional university. It serves southern Utah as an important center for advanced learning and public service.

SUU students select their courses from departments and programs in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Performing and Visual Arts, the College of Science, and from the College of Education, as well as from the School of Business and the School of Applied Science and Technology. More than 600 faculty and staff serve SUU's undergraduate and graduate students.

Mission Statement

As a community of learners, Southern Utah University serves as a comprehensive regional university to encourage a lifelong love of learning, to foster academic excellence, to instill ethics and values and to honor thought in all its finest forms. Foremost to our role and central to our disciplines are superior teaching and quality service to students. Fundamental to our purpose are scholarly activities and public service.

Our mission is to provide students a personalized learning environment to foster meaningful experiences involving the mind, heart and hands, which:

1. Affirm integrity, the search for truth and respect for all people as the foundation of education;
2. Develop communication, analytic, creative and information gathering skills;
3. Prepare students as informed and responsible citizens and for effective roles in families and other societal organizations;
4. Afford opportunities for success in students' personal and professional lives by providing service and leadership experiences in a residential campus setting;
5. Enhance economic, technological and cultural development of the communities served.

Southern Utah University provides baccalaureate, applied technology, and selected graduate education. We address the unique needs of rural students and communities; serve as a major cultural center for southern Utah; and create partnerships with public and higher education, government, business and industry.

Vision Statement

Building on hallmarks of a safe, beautiful campus, with a personalized learning environment, SUU strives to be an outstanding public regional teaching university, offering high quality undergraduate, professional and selective graduate programs.

Strategic University Goals

1. To provide exceptional service to students and facilitate excellence in learning and student achievement.
2. To foster superior teaching, scholarly/creative endeavors and public service.
3. To increase enrollment to 9,000 students by 2011, increase student retention and graduation rates, and within the context of our distinct mission, increase student, faculty administration and staff diversity.
4. To enhance students' personal and professional development as responsible citizens through academic, co-curricular, social, service-learning, residential, cultural and athletic activities.
5. To ensure human, financial and physical resources necessary to fulfill the University's mission.
6. To strengthen SUU's mission and role as the regional university of southern Utah by obtaining selective accreditations, and by enhancing and expanding the programs and services available, including at least five additional master's programs by 2011.
7. To encourage effective communication on campus and with external constituencies.

Specialized Programs

To further serve the needs unique to rural communities, SUU provides specialized programs for disadvantaged youth, nontraditional students and youth with disabilities. Federally funded, these developmental programs are designed to assist students with tutoring, counseling, skill training and motivational activities.

Affiliated with the University are cultural arts and performing groups which support the mission of SUU. The internationally acclaimed Utah Shakespearean Festival is presented each summer by SUU. The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery annually presents a wide range of exhibits. The American Folk Ballet is integrated into the College of Performing and Visual Arts.

HISTORY

Possessing a rich pioneer heritage, SUU has a history unique in the annals of American higher education. In 1897 virtually the entire population of Cedar City engaged in building Old Main, the first building of the University. Beginning the project in mid-winter, the men and women of the community donated materials, money and labor—all precious commodities of the American frontier—to complete the building and meet deadlines imposed by the state.

Today the campus comprises nearly 132 acres, landscaped with fountains, tall spruce and pine trees, plazas, latticed walkways and expansive lawns.

FACILITIES

Campus facilities range from the ivy covered Old Main and Braithwaite Liberal Arts Center building built in 1898 and 1899 to the Dixie Leavitt Business Building to the Centrum special events center and classroom building, the Science Center, the Gerald R. Sherratt Library and the J.L. Sorenson Physical Education Building. As the home of the Utah Shakespearean Festival, SUU also features one of the world's most authentic Shakespearean stages and the Randall L. Jones Performing Arts Theatre.

In addition, the University owns and operates a 1,032-acre farm in western Cedar Valley and a 2,500-acre ranch in Cedar Canyon. The ranch includes a Mountain Center for executive leadership and continuing education programs.

The University's Ashcroft Observatory is located outside the lighted neighborhoods of Cedar City for better celestial viewing opportunities.

Because of their proximity and grandeur, Zion National Park and Cedar Breaks National Monument are claimed by students as part of the campus. Indeed, geological and life science field trips take advantage of these national treasures. Bryce Canyon and Grand Canyon National Parks lie close by for easy touring. The University's skiing classroom is at 10,000-foot Brian Head Ski Area, less than an hour away.

Guided tours of the University are available by appointment or at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Please contact the School Relations Office at (435) 586-7741 to schedule tours.

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The 10-member Board of Trustees has the responsibility of implementing policy assigned by the Board of Regents, including the appointment of personnel and the enactment of rules and governing regulations. The University is administered by the President, the President's Council, the Deans' Council, the Faculty Senate and the faculty.

To achieve its purposes, SUU is organized into four colleges and three schools.

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