



SUBJECT: MISSION STATEMENT

Introduction:

In a rapidly changing global community, higher education institutions must educate students to be critical thinkers, effective communicators, lifelong learners and individuals who demonstrate integrity and empathy as they pursue their lives' ambitions. Capitalizing on our unique environment, Southern Utah University will prepare her graduates to excel in these areas by emphasizing the following core values: Academic Excellence, Community and Social Responsibility, and Involvement and Personal Growth.

Our Heritage:

Through our more than 107 year history, Southern Utah University has evolved from a teacher training institution to our current role as a comprehensive, regional university offering graduate, baccalaureate, associate and technical programs. From the time of her founding, SUU has placed students first by featuring personalized and participative classes, combined with competent, qualified and supportive faculty, staff and administration. People of the region look to the University for skill development opportunities, major academic specialties, outreach services, cultural and athletic activities, economic and business development, and regional archives

Vision Statement:

Southern Utah University will be nationally recognized as a premier institution of learning known for enabling its students to honor thought in all its finest forms, achieve excellence in their chosen field, and create positive change in the world.

Mission Statement:

Southern Utah University, as our founders envisioned, is a vibrant teaching and learning community inspired by its unique natural surroundings. As Utah's designated public liberal arts and sciences university, students engage in a personalized and rigorous experiential education empowering them to be productive citizens, socially responsible leaders, high achievers and lifelong learners.

In order to fulfill its mission SUU will:

- Emphasize excellence in learning designed to foster critical thinking, effective communication, lifelong intellectual curiosity, global awareness, personal responsibility, and integrity
- Offer educational experiences typical of private universities with the affordability of public higher education



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Policies and Procedures

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- Provide outstanding programs of study in the arts and sciences, pre-professional, professional, and graduate studies
- Contribute to state, regional, and community needs as a social, cultural, and economic catalyst
- Harness and integrate our unique geographic location in the SUU educational experience