

General Information

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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY MISSION AND GOALS STATEMENT

MISSION

Western Michigan University is a student-centered research university, building intellectual inquiry, investigation, and discovery into all undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University provides leadership in teaching, research, learning, and public service. Nationally recognized and internationally engaged, the University:

- Forges a responsive and ethical academic community
- Develops foundations for achievement in pluralistic societies
- Incorporates participation from diverse individuals in decision-making
- Contributes to technological and economic development
- Engenders an awareness and appreciation of the arts

GOALS

Western Michigan University's mission is characterized by its pursuit of the following institutional goals:

- To foster a safe, civil, and healthy University community
- To provide access to academic programs at reasonable cost and in multiple settings
- To strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration and international programs
- To increase diversity within the student body, faculty, and staff through institutional practices and programs
- To recognize excellence in the teaching, research, learning, creative work, scholarship, and service contributions of students, faculty, and staff
- To conduct ongoing assessment activities and engage in continuous improvement initiatives within the University
- To establish life-long relationships between alumni and the University
- To advance responsible environmental stewardship
- To support community and regional partnerships that elevate civic, cultural, social, and economic life

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