WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY MISSION AND GOALS STATEMENT

MISSION

Western Michigan University is a learner-centered, research university, building intellectual inquiry and discovery into undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs in a way that fosters knowledge and innovation, and transforms wisdom into action. As a public university, WMU provides leadership in teaching, research, learning, and service, and is committed to enhancing the future of our global citizenry.

Vision

Nationally and internationally recognized, the University aspires to distinguish itself as learner centered, discovery driven, and globally engaged.

Learner centered. Western Michigan University is university where every member of our community is responsive to and responsible for the education of our students. We challenge and engage all members of our community with a university experience that creates skilled, life-long learners.

Discovery driven. Western Michigan University offers experiences that enable discovery, and promote creativity and research. We are committed to pursuing inquiry, disseminating knowledge, and fostering critical thinking that encourages life-long learning. Our scholarship creates new knowledge, forms a basis for innovative solutions, leads to economic development, and makes substantial contributions to society.

Globally engaged. Western Michigan University impacts the globe positively. We are a community of learners committed to human dignity, sustainability, social responsibility, and justice. Our campus embraces a diverse population of students, faculty, and staff who develop learners and leaders who are locally oriented and globally competent, culturally aware and ready to contribute to world knowledge and discovery.

GOALS

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

- Ensure a distinctive learning experience and foster the success of students
- Promote innovative learning, discovery, and service
- Advance WMU as a major research university
- Ensure a diverse, inclusive, and healthy community
- Advance social, economic, and environmental sustainability practices and policies

-Approved by the Board of Trustees 12/8/11

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