

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Southwestern Oklahoma State University is to provide educational opportunities that meet the needs of the state and region; contribute to the educational, economic, and cultural environment, and support scholarly activity. Major areas of study, the general education curriculum, and participation in student activities/organizations provide opportunities for students to obtain skills, knowledge, and cultural appreciation that lead to productive lives and effective citizenship.

The mission is manifested and the purpose of the University is accomplished through the following:

Ensuring quality education, the University recruits qualified faculty without regard to national origin, race, gender, disability, age, or religion. Faculty growth opportunities are provided through an organized faculty development program. Excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service are encouraged and recognized. An organizational and intellectual environment are provided that ensures freedom of individual expression and inquiry, provides representative governance for all members of the University community, and promotes student/faculty interaction. An assessment program provides the basis for continuous evaluation and program improvement.

Meeting its commitment to student development, the University recruits qualified students without regard to national origin, race, gender, disability, age, or religion and provides a community that encourages participation in intellectual and physical activities and leadership development. A curriculum is provided that develops communication and analytical skills; a comprehension of the arts, humanities, and cultural diversity; and knowledge of the scientific/technological world and of our historical heritage. Student orientation, advisement, enrichment, and participation in organizations and activities contribute to student growth and development.

Fulfilling its role as a cultural and educational resource for western Oklahoma, the University provides continuing education associated with career enhancement, personal development, and cultural growth. Performances, exhibitions, and research that enhance knowledge and enrich society are supported and services to communities are provided through academic departments and other university agencies.

Organizational Chart (not available in text format)