
UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Troy University is a public institution comprised of a network of campuses throughout Alabama and worldwide. International in scope, Troy University provides a variety of educational programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels for a diverse student body in traditional, nontraditional, and emerging electronic formats. Academic programs are supported by a variety of student services

which promote the welfare of the individual student. Troy University's dedicated faculty and staff promote discovery and exploration of knowledge and its application to life-long success through effective teaching, service, creative partnerships, scholarship and research.

WELCOME TO TROY UNIVERSITY

Troy University's history of teaching excellence dates to its founding in February 1887 as Troy Normal School. From the outset, the institution quickly earned a reputation for innovation and accessibility. Troy Normal became Troy State Teachers College in 1929, Troy State College in 1957, and Troy State University in 1967.

The Montgomery campus earned independent accreditation in 1983, as did the Dothan campus in 1985. The Phenix City campus and the locations around the nation and the world, administered by

the Troy Global Campus, have always operated under the accreditation of the Troy campus.

In 2005, the separately accredited campuses were merged into a single university structure forming Troy University. This name change represented the fifth major advancement in the storied, dynamic rise of the University to national and international prominence. Today, Troy University serves nearly 30,000 students in Alabama and around the world.

The Troy University calendar may be found in each schedule of classes or at <http://www.troy.edu>.

Authorized by the State Board of Education, Troy University, then known as Troy State College, offered its first master's degree program in 1957 and awarded the first master's degree in education in 1958. Since that time Troy University has continued to meet the needs of its graduate students, and now the Graduate School offers advanced degrees in the colleges of education, business, the arts and sciences, and health and human services.

Purpose of the Graduate School

The purpose of the Graduate School is to provide quality, accessible degree programs that respond to the needs of the University's constituency for professional development and educational enrichment. The degree offerings reflect a wide range of master's degrees and a selected number of specialist programs that serve students and practitioners throughout this region and at site locations globally.

A purpose further exists to provide educational services for the larger community, especially graduate and advanced education for adult students.

Through the various degree programs, the Graduate School provides an academic environment conducive to the maximum development of students. This unit of the university provides quality programs that develop regional skills and academic compe-

tudents;