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“Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.”

—Northwest Ordinance of 1787

Ohio University’s mission and vision statements as well as the core values and guiding principles declared below stand together as the Articles of Academe. These course-charting statements illuminate our University’s path toward greatness as one of the nation’s premier institutions of higher education.

Our reason for being

Ohio University Mission Statement

Ohio University holds as its central purpose the intellectual and personal development of its students. Distinguished by its rich history, diverse campus, international community, and beautiful Appalachian setting, Ohio University is known as well for its outstanding faculty of accomplished teachers whose research and creative activity advance knowledge across many disciplines.

What we strive to become

Ohio University Vision Statement

Ohio University will be the nation’s best transformative learning community where students realize their promise, faculty advance knowledge, staff achieve excellence, and alumni become global leaders.





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Our ethical foundations and beliefs upon which all decisions are made

Ohio University Core Values and Guiding Principles

As Ohio University works to achieve its vision, a set of fundamental principles guide our decisions:

1. **Strong undergraduate programs** with a liberal arts core are a vital and necessary foundation.
2. **Strong graduate and professional programs** are necessary to achieve our educational, research, and creative mission.
3. All forms of **research, scholarship, and creative activity** are vital to the intellectual life of the University, and their integration into both graduate and undergraduate curricula is a key component of student success.
4. Learning at the University is enhanced by **creating a community of students, faculty, and staff who come from diverse backgrounds**. That community benefits from our commitment to international education and the inclusion of global perspectives in our curricula.
5. **Advising, mentoring, personal interaction, and active engagement** among faculty, staff, students, and alumni greatly enhance the educational experience.
6. Learning is derived from the totality of the college experience, including **activities both inside and outside the classroom**.
7. **Shared governance**—the inclusion of input from all constituent groups—is central to our decision-making processes.
8. Our continuing success requires judgments about and **selective investment in initiatives that will advance our mission**.
9. **Accountability** is essential to effective management and requires commitments to assessment, planning, decision making, and continual improvement.

All members of the Ohio University community are important contributors to our shared success. The following elements are essential to the support and advancement of our collaborative mission:

- To support our educational mission in achieving the goals outlined above, we require a **well-maintained infrastructure of people and facilities**.
- Our **academic support services** exist to serve the academic mission: they should be **effective, efficient, and continually improving**.
- A **sense of community and an appealing environment** provide a special place in which to learn, live, and work.
- **All individuals in the University community are valued**; their skills and knowledge should be cultivated, their work supported, and their leadership skills developed.
- **Interactions** among all individuals in the University community should be **built on standards of civility, integrity, caring, and collaboration**.
- Our **commitment to the region** is expressed through stewardship of **shared resources, access to programs and services**, and contribution to **economic development**.