

Mission

Northwestern State University is a responsive, student-oriented institution that is committed to the creation, dissemination, and acquisition of knowledge through teaching, research, and service. The University maintains as its highest priority excellence in teaching in graduate and undergraduate programs.

Northwestern State University will prepare its students to become productive members of society and will promote economic development and improvements in the quality of life of the citizens in its region.

Vision

Northwestern State University strives for educational quality through excellence in teaching and research, innovative uses of technology, and exceptional service to students and other constituencies.

The University seeks to attract and develop outstanding students and faculty and to provide them with the resources needed to promote optimal learning and service.

By maintaining a student-oriented environment, Northwestern will offer challenging and rewarding academic experiences augmented and enriched with opportunities for cultural, social, athletic, and other extracurricular activities. The essence of this student-oriented environment will be the University's commitment to create a cooperative atmosphere in which faculty, staff, and students treat each other with dignity and respect and recognize the value and worth of all individuals.

Electronic learning and distance education will be an integral part of Northwestern's role in delivering degree programs and effective services on campus and throughout Louisiana, the nation, and the world.

Northwestern will be responsive to changing views and trends as it works to provide a highly-qualified workforce to promote economic development and to meet the needs that higher education can provide to students, state government, private enterprise, and society.

Values

Northwestern recognizes the value of all individuals and strives to create a climate in which faculty, staff, and students treat each other with dignity and respect in an effort to provide students the opportunity to achieve success. The University's desire is to retain and graduate students who are satisfied with, and motivated and enriched by, the quality of education and services that they receive at Northwestern.

Goals

- To create and maintain a responsive, student-oriented environment
- To provide programs, services, and operations throughout the University of high quality and effectiveness
- To enhance institutional viability through effective enrollment management
- To promote economic development, community service, and an improved quality of life in the region