

Mission Statement and Values

The committee reflected on the current mission statement and concluded that it provides a good foundation and represents an accurate expression and documentation of our history. However, the committee proposes a revision to the statement that reflects the University's evolution from a regional institution and its recent emergence as a national presence that aspires to achieve the Carnegie Classification of "Research University/Very High Research Activity." The committee therefore proposes the following update to the mission and values statements:

Our Mission

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette offers an exceptional education informed by diverse worldviews grounded in tradition, heritage, and culture. We develop leaders and innovators who advance knowledge, cultivate aesthetic sensibility, and improve the human condition.

Our Values

We strive to create a community of leaders and innovators in an environment that fosters a desire to advance and disseminate knowledge. We support the mission of the university by actualizing our core values:

Equity: striving for fair treatment and justice

Integrity: demonstrating character, honesty, and trustworthiness

Intellectual Curiosity: pursuing knowledge and appreciating its inherent value

Creativity: transcending established ideas

Tradition: acknowledging the contributions of the Acadian and Creole cultures to this region and to our University's history

Transparency: practicing open communication and sharing information

Respect: demonstrating empathy and esteem for others

Collaboration: understanding our connection with others and working to realize synergies through teamwork and collegiality

Pluralism: believing in the inherent worth of diverse cultures and perspectives

Sustainability: making decisions and allocating resources to meet the needs of the present, while preserving resources for the future