Mission, Core-Themes, and Values

Mission
Dixie State University is an open, inclusive, comprehensive, polytechnic university featuring active and applied learning to advance students’ knowledge and skills while fostering competent, resilient, lifelong learners to succeed in their careers and personal lives as creators, innovators, and responsible citizens.

Vision
Dixie State University aspires to be a premier open, inclusive, comprehensive, polytechnic university distinguished through an ethos of innovation and entrepreneurship and the achievement of exceptional student learning and success.

Core Themes (L.E.O.)

Learning
Preparing knowledgeable and competent active learners, by delivering excellent teaching in a student-centered environment.

Engagement
Maintaining active involvement and positive collaboration with students, faculty, staff, and the community to foster economic and community development, facilitating educational, cultural and recreational enrichment.

Opportunity
Valuing inclusion, access, diversity, equity, service and citizenship.

Values

Academic Distinction: Excellence as an open, inclusive, comprehensive, polytechnic university that distinguishes DSU from other universities

Student Learning and Success: Achievement of learning outcomes and the attainment of an academic award or other educational goal, including holistic personal development

Equity and Inclusion: A safe, tolerant and welcoming community with diverse identities, ideas, and beliefs who collaborate and learn through open and civil discourse

Purposeful Discovery: Creative thinking and acting across boundaries to solve complex problems both individually and collaboratively

Collaborative Culture: An open culture grounded on principles of honesty, integrity, sharing, transparency, accountability, mutual respect, and freedom of inquiry

Public Service: Effective leadership of civic, educational, economic, and cultural entities and initiatives to transform communities

Local and Global Resources: Mutually beneficial partnerships that engage and integrate local and global resources into learning experiences, with a special emphasis on southern Utah

Innovation and Responsiveness: Responsive to local and regional needs and opportunities through institutional innovation and entrepreneurship