University Profile

Mission, Core-Themes, and Values

Mission
Dixie State University is a public comprehensive university dedicated to rigorous learning and the enrichment of the professional and personal lives of its students and community by providing opportunities that engage the unique Southern Utah environment and resources.

Core Themes (L.E.O.)

Learning
Delivering excellent teaching, preparing knowledgeable and competent students

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

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

Values

Student-centered success: providing an affordable education with experiences that develop the academic, professional, and personal lives of all students

Academic excellence: stimulating learning and critical thinking through rigor, student empowerment, and practical application.

Equity and Inclusion: creating a community of diverse individuals, ideas, and beliefs; practicing open discourse and collaboration.

Accountability: working with honesty, transparency, and respect for others while holding ourselves accountable for our actions.

Service leadership: emphasizing civic, economic, and cultural engagement with the community.

Creative and innovation: problem solving in learning, teaching, fostering new ways of thinking, and researching.

Local and global resources: incorporating a variety of resources into the educational experience with a special emphasis on the unique local resources.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on November 6, 2015

Accreditation

Dixie State University has been accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities since 1945. DSU’s latest reaffirmation of accreditation was awarded for its Comprehensive Self-study and site visit in Fall 2012. In January 2014, the institution had its Year One Mission and Core Theme Report approved and in January 2016, its Mid-cycle Report was approved. The next Comprehensive Self-study and site visit will take place in Fall 2020.

Accreditation of an institution of higher education by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality evaluated through a peer review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Accreditation by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities is not partial, but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution.

Inquiries regarding an institution’s accredited status by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact: Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, 8060 165th Avenue N.E., Suite 100, Redmond, WA 98052 - (425) 558-4224 - www.nwccu.org
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<td>Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the Northwest regional authority on educational quality and institutional effectiveness of higher education institutions.</td>
<td>Oct. 2015</td>
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<td><strong>Automotive Technology</strong> (AAS, Certificate)</td>
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<td>Apr. 2013</td>
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<td><strong>Business</strong> (BA/BS Business Administration, Finance &amp; Accounting)</td>
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<td>Nov. 2015</td>
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<td><strong>Medical Radiography</strong> (AAS)</td>
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<td><strong>Music</strong> (BA/BS)</td>
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<td><strong>Respiratory Therapy</strong> (AAS)</td>
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Surgical Technology (AAS) Accreditation Review Council Feb. 2017 on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA) Accredited May 2027

Faculty Credentials


ALBRECHT, Brent D. (2013) Assistant Professor of Mathematics; B.S., 2008, Weber State University; M.A., 2009, University of California, Santa Barbara; Ph.D., 2013, University of California, Santa Barbara.


ALGER, Shanna (2004) Tenured Assistant Professor of Emergency Medical Services; B.A., 1994, Southern Utah University.


AREVALO, Luis (2014) Assistant Professor of Latin American Literature; B.A., 1984, Universidad JS Canas (El Salvador); M.A., 1992, Kansas State University; Ph.D., 2002, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.


BANKS, Clare (2005) Tenured Professor of Math; B.S., 1995, Southern Utah University; M.A., 1997, Brigham Young University; Ph.D., 2005, University of Northern Colorado.


BRINGHURST, Kelly N. (1988) Tenured Professor of Geology; B.S., 1984, Brigham Young University; M.S., 1987, University of California, Riverside; Ph.D., 2011, University of Ulster.

BRYANT, Debra (2009) Tenured Associate Professor of Business; B.A., 1980, Simon Fraser University; M.S., 1991, Utah State University; Ph.D., 2008, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.


BUHLER, Clinton J. (2013) Assistant Professor of Humanities; B.A., 2006, University of Utah; M.A., 2008, Ph.D., 2013, Ohio State University.

BUIS, Steve (2015) Assistant Professor of Exercise Science; B.S., 2006, M.S., 2008, Kent State University; Ph.D., 2015, Texas A&M University.


CALVO, Cara (2016) Associate Professor of Medical Laboratory Sciences; B.S., 1983, Portland State University, B.S., 1983, Oregon Health Science University; M.S., 1990, University of Vermont.


CARLSON, Robert (2008) Tenured Associate Professor of Psychology; B.A., 1992, California State University, Fresno; Ph.D., 1998, University of California, Irvine.


CEBALLOS, Leonor (2007) Tenured Associate Professor of Foreign Language; B.A., 2000, Universidad de Deusto (Bilbao, Spain); M.A., 2003, Ph.D., 2007, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.


CHELLAMUTHU, Vinodh (2015) Assistant Professor of Mathematics; B.S., 2003, University of Madras (India); M.S., 2005, Anna University (India); M.S., 2010, Tulane University; Ph.D., 2015, University of Louisiana.


CHEW, Julie (2015) Associate Professor of Nursing; B.S., 1997, Excelsior College; M.S., 2000, Saint Joseph’s College; Ph.D., 2008 North Central University.


CHILOM, Gabriela (2014) Associate Professor of Chemistry; B.S., 1988, M.S., 1989, Polytechnic Institute, Bucharest (Romania); Ph.D., 2004, South Dakota State University, Brookings.


CRENSHAW, Cheri (2008) Tenured Associate Professor of English; B.A., 1999, University of Maryland; M.A., 2002, Midwestern State University; Ph.D., 2008, Texas Woman’s University.

DAVIES, Kristeen (2013) Assistant Professor of Theatre; B.A., 1978, Hastings College; M.F.A., 1997, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

DAVIS, Aaron (2016) Assistant Professor of Biology; B.A., 2006, Ph.D., 2013, Utah State University.


DIVERNIERO, Rebecca A. (2012) Assistant Professor of Communication; B.A., 2003, Appalachian State University; M.A., 2006, University of North Carolina, Greensboro; Ph.D., 2010, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.


ESPLIN, Derrick (2016) Instructor of Accounting; M.S., 2003, Southern Utah University.

FELLER, David C. (1994) Tenured Professor of Chemistry; B.A., 1984, Southern Utah University; Ph.D., 1989, Brigham Young University.

FICKLIN, Travis (2016) Assistant Professor of Exercise Science; B.A., 1997, Brigham Young University; M.S., 2006, University of North Carolina, Greensboro; Ph.D., 2012, Indiana University, Bloomington.


FORBUSH, Debra (2012) Assistant Professor of Respiratory Therapy; B.S., 1973, Brigham Young University.


GALLO, Sara (2013) Assistant Professor of Dance; B.A., 2004, University of Montana; M.F.A., 2011, California State University - Long Beach.


GASPARI, Martina (2014) Assistant Professor of Biology; M.S., 1999, University of Padua (Italy); Ph.D., 2006, Karolinska Institute (Sweden).


GEORGE, Sophie (2015) Assistant Professor of Psychology; B.S., 2003, Ph.D., 2007, University of Sussex (UK).


GUBLER, Shandon. (2013) Associate Professor of Finance; B.S., 1982, Brigham Young University, Ph.D., 1985, Brigham Young University.


HARRINGTON, Jennifer (2014) Instructor of Nursing; B.S.N., 2013, Dixie State University.


HARRIS, Paul (2011) Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice; B.S., 2005, Brigham Young University; M.S., 2007 Brigham Young University; Ph.D., 2011, Florida State University.

HART, Susan (2013) Associate Professor of Health and Human Performance; B.S., 1984, Southwestern University; M.Ed., 1990, Tarleton State University; Ph.D., 1996, Texas A&M University.

HASLAM, Philip (2014) Assistant Professor Theatre; B.A., 1979, Utah State University; M.A., 1988, Brigham Young University.

HAUCK, Nancy (2005) Tenured Associate Professor of Elementary Education; B.S., 1988, Southern Utah University; M.A., 1992, Pacific University; Ed.D., 2012, Utah State University.


HICKS, Jesse (2016) Assistant Professor of Mathematics; B.S., 2009, Southern Utah University; M.S., 2011, Ph.D., 2016, Utah State University.

HINTON, Melanie (2012) Assistant Professor of Humanities; B.A., 1997, Southern Utah University; M.A., 2001, Brigham Young University; Ph.D., 2012, University of Utah.


Jensen, Kimberly (2015) Assistant Professor of Dental Hygiene; B.S., 1996, Brigham Young University; M.S., 2014, Utah State University.

Jensen, Melvin (2002) Tenured Assistant Professor of Automotive Technology; B.S., 2000, Idaho State University.


Kearl, Matthew (2013) Instructor of Visual Technology; B.S., Dixie State University.

Khan, Abu (2015) Assistant Professor of Finance; B.S., 2002, University of Windsor; M.A., 2007, Ryerson University; Ph.D., 2013, University of New Orleans.
KING, Cindy (2016) Assistant Professor of English; B.A., 1993, University of Toledo; M.A., 1996, University of Southern Mississippi; Ph.D., 2007, Florida State University.


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LARSEN-RIFE, Dannelle (2009) Tenured Associate Professor of Psychology; B.A., 1998, California State University, San Bernardino; Ph.D., 2006, University of California, Davis.


LEI, Li, (2000) Tenured Professor of Dance; B.S., 1982, Southwest Normal University, (Chongqing, China); M.S., 1986, Sichuan Normal University (Chengdu, China); M.A., 1994, Brigham Young University; Ph.D., 1999, New York University.

LEIGH, Katherine (2014) Assistant Professor of Chemistry; B.S., 2006, Southern Utah University; M.S., 2013, Ph.D., 2014, University of Memphis.


LINDSTROM, Braden G. (2014) Assistant Professor of English; B.S., 1987, Utah State University; M.S., 1994, Utah State University; Ph.D., 2010, University of Hawai’i.


LOUNSBURY, John (1997) Tenured Associate Professor of Developmental Reading; B.A., 1981, California State Polytechnic University; M.A., 1989, Claremont Graduate School.


MAHMUD, Munir (2006) Tenured Professor of Economics; B.S., 1985, M.S., 1988, University of Dhaka (Bangladesh); M.S., 1992, Ph.D., 1997, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.


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McDERMOTT, Michelle (2010) Associate Professor of Nursing; B.S., 1999, Excelsior College; M.S.N., 2010, University of Phoenix.


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MURRAY, Deanne (2010) Tenured Assistant Professor of Elementary Education; B.A., 1976, Brigham Young University; M.Ed., 1987, University of Utah; M.Ed., 1993, Brigham Young University; Ph.D., 2013, Utah State University.

NIELSON, Robert (2010) Tenured Associate Professor of Computer Science; B.S., 1983, Southern Utah University; M.S., 2005, Utah State University; D.C.S., 2009, Colorado Technical University.


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ORTIZ, Maria (2013) Assistant Professor of History; B.S., 1975, Brigham Young University; M.O.B., 1980, Brigham Young University, Ph.D., 1991 Union Institute and University.


PATTERSON, William (2013) Assistant Professor of Physical Therapist Assistant; B.S., 1994, University of Arizona; D.P.T., 2005, Loma Linda University.


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RASMUSSEN, John (2014) Assistant Professor of Medical Laboratory Science; B.A., 2000, Utah State University; Ph.D., 2008, Stony Brook University.


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SEEGMILLER, Travis (2014) Associate Professor of Business; B.A., 2001, Yale University; J.D., 2004, Georgetown University.


STAHEL, Nate L. (2002) Tenured Associate Professor of Accounting; B.S., 1995, M.Acc., 1996, Southern Utah University; Ph.D., 2013, University of Hawaii; C.P.A.


SULLIVAN, Steven K. (1996) Tenured Associate Professor of Physics; B.S., Utah State University, 1990; M.S., 1994, Brigham Young University.

SYSSOYEVA, Kathryn (2015) Assistant Professor of Theatre; B.A., 1996, SUNY Empire State College; Ph.D., 2009, Stanford University.

TAYLOR, Lucia (2012) Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages; B.A., 2005, University of Oviedo; M.A., 2009, University of Leon (Spain); M.A., 2011, University of Utah; Ph.D., 2015, University of Oviedo (Spain).

TOBLER, Samuel (2011) Assistant Professor of Physics; B.S., 2005, Brigham Young University; M.S., 2007, Ph.D., 2011, Arizona State University.


WARNER, Donald (2005) Tenured Associate Professor of Biology; B.S., 1976, Brigham Young University; M.A., 1979, Brigham Young University; Ph.D., 1986, Texas A&M University.


WILDE, Jason (2016) Assistant Professor of Family & Consumer Sciences; B.S., 1998, M.S., 2005, Brigham Young University; Ph.D., 2012, University of Minnesota.

WINTCH, Patricia (2007) Tenured Assistant Professor of Dental Hygiene; B.S., 1977, Baylor College of Dentistry; M.S. 2012, Idaho State University.

WREDE, Theda (2006) Tenured Professor of English; M.A., 2000, Georg-August-Universität (Göttingen, Germany); Ph.D., 2006, University of South Carolina.


WU, Ed (2014) Assistant Professor of Psychology; B.A., 1997, Northwestern University; Ph.D., 2012, University of California, Davis.

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Administrators


GITAU, Peter (2016) Vice President of Student Affairs; B.A., 1989, Kenyatta University (Kenya); M.S., 1995, Eastern Illinois University; Ph.D., 2001, University of Kansas.


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LOJKO, Frank (2000) Vice President of Government Relations; B.S., 1972, M.S., 1975, Missouri State University; M.S., 1984, Northern Arizona University.


WINTCH, Patricia (2007) Interim Dean of Health Sciences (Tenured Assistant Professor of Dental Hygiene); B.S., 1977, Baylor College of Dentistry, M.S., 2012, Idaho State University.

Faculty Emeriti

Dr. Douglas D. Alder, History (2000)


Dr. C. Paul Andersen, Theatre Arts (1995)

Nolan E. Ashman, Psychology (2009)

Dr. Andrew H. Barnum, Life Science (1996)

Lee L. Bunnell, Mathematics (2005)

Terre Burton, English (2011)

John E. Carman, Automotive (2000)


Dr. Robert E. Coombs, Botany (2002)

Dr. Donna Dillingham-Evans, Mathematics (2013)

Timothy P. Eicher, FCS/Education (2014)

Arza C. Evans, Economics (1998)

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Edwin W. Frantz, Automotive Technology (2002)

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Dr. John J. Hacking, Business (1988)


Janet L. Hansen, Mathematics (2014)

V. Lowell Hansen, Aviation (2001)

Dr. Brent L. Hanson, Theatre Arts (2014)

John F. Heppler, Biology (2005)

L. Grant Hinchcliff, Mathematics (1986)

Dr. Donald R. Hinton, Humanities (2015)

Fred L. Howes, Physics (1996)

Delora P. Hunt, Business (1999)

Garn O. Huntington, Aviation (1994)

Dr. Janice M. Klein, English (2001)

Allan B. Laidlaw, Psychology (1988)

Dr. Philip B. Lee, Business (2014)

Candace Mesa, Developmental English (2013)

Dr. Daniel W. Miles, Chemistry (2001)

Scott L. Mortensen, Mathematics (2014)

Dr. Allan D. Payne, English (2005)
Kathleen Pope, Psychology (2005)
Howard H. Putnam, Music (1987)
Sharon F. Robinson, Inflight Services (1997)
Patricia A. Roper, Physical Education (2000)
Dr. Max H. Rose, Mathematics (2003)
Dr. Sandra L. Sandberg, Family Studies (2005)
Jay L. Slade, Graphic Arts (2009)
Brent E. Snow, Business (2005)
Peter VanValkenburg, Physical Science/Geology (2014)

Presidents
1911-18, Hugh M. Woodward
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1920-23, Joseph K. Nicholes
1923-27, Edgar M. Jenson
1927-33, Joseph K. Nicholes
1933-38, B. Glen Smith
1938-50, Glenn E. Snow
1950-51, Mathew M. Bentley
1951-54, Dr. Ellvert H. Himes
1954-64, Arthur F. Bruhn
1964-76, Dr. Ferron C. Losee
1976-80, Dr. Wm. Rolfe Kerr
1980-86, Dr. Alton L. Wade
1986-93, Dr. Douglas D. Alder
1993-05, Dr. Robert C. Huddleston
2005-08, Dr. Lee G. Caldwell
2008-14, Dr. Stephen D. Nadauld
2014-Present, Dr. Richard B. Williams