

# University of Houston-Victoria

## Mission

The University of Houston-Victoria (UHV) is a dynamic destination university in the Coastal Bend Region of Texas. UHV serves the educational needs, promotes the economic well-being, and advances the quality of life for the university and community through teaching, research, and service excellence.

As a separately accredited university in the University of Houston System, UHV is dedicated to providing students with educational and leadership opportunities that empower them to be successful 21<sup>st</sup> century professionals and citizens in the global economy. UHV offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in four schools: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education and Human Development, and Nursing. Fully-online programs complement face-to-face programs and allow convenient access for UHV's traditional and non-traditional students. UHV also serves transfer students through articulation agreements with community colleges.

Civic engagement and service learning provide students the opportunity to make meaningful connections between their classroom experiences and their lives in an ever-changing and increasingly complex world. UHV enriches the region by offering economic development, life-long learning, outreach and special events, athletics and cultural experiences for the community.

## UHV Core Values

- Academic excellence accessible to a diverse community.
- Continuous improvement and responsiveness to emerging issues.
- Freedom of inquiry and expression of truth in a culture of mutual respect, cooperation, and teamwork.
- The highest standards of ethics, integrity, and accountability.

## Standing Goals

### Goal 1: Teaching and Learning

UHV will provide high-quality instruction and learning support in selected degree programs, with emphasis upon outreach, collaboration, and responsiveness to the needs of local and international communities.

### Goal 2: Research, External Grant Funding, and Scholarly Activities

UHV will contribute through research and scholarly activities to the advancement of knowledge in academic fields of inquiry, in teaching and learning, and in professional communities--commensurate with UHV's mission. This goal includes an increase in the number and amount of externally funded grants.

### Goal 3: Community Engagement and Partnerships

UHV will help to serve the regional community's need for access to information resources, professional expertise, and continuing non-credit education; it will collaborate with other educational, entrepreneurial, governmental, and non-profit entities in promoting the educational, economic, and cultural development of the region. Service learning opportunities will integrate community service into the curriculum, providing opportunities for student civic engagement and faculty research.

### Goal 4: Enrollment Management and Student Services

UHV will optimally shape the size and characteristics of the student body to ensure diversity and reflect the needs of the global leaders of tomorrow, with an emphasis on student access and success, and student participation through athletics, student organizations and academic success initiatives.

### Goal 5: Financial and Administrative Support Services

UHV will demonstrate efficient and accountable stewardship of fiscal, human, and physical resources in its efforts to meet educational needs, to comply with oversight authorities, and to maintain public trust.

### Goal 6: University Advancement and Development

UHV will complement public support of the institution with private support; will provide accurate and timely information to institutional constituencies; and will maintain positive visibility within the regional and alumni communities.

### Goal 7: Planning, Assessment, and Accountability

UHV will maintain systematic processes for planning and budgeting, for institutional and employee assessment, and for professional development--with the intention of ensuring competitiveness, of improving effectiveness, and of complying with the mandates of the UH System, state legislature, Coordinating Board, and regional accrediting association. UHV will strive for greater accountability to stakeholders and increased transparency.

### Goal 8: Growth and Program Expansion

UHV endeavors to become a comprehensive, destination university through the inclusion of freshmen and sophomores (downward expansion), as well as through the development of doctoral programs (upward expansion), as needed to continue to meet the needs of the surrounding communities.