

University of Houston-Victoria

Mission & Vision

The University of Houston-Victoria shares with all institutions of higher education the universal mission of teaching, research, and service. It shares with the other institutions of the University of Houston System a special responsibility to serve educational needs, to promote economic well being, and to advance the quality of life in the region.

The university's most distinctive commitment is to make higher education accessible to able students who might otherwise lack the opportunity. Its most compelling commitment is to make the quality of education they receive nonetheless competitive. The university emphasizes student learning, related research, responsiveness to student needs, and collaboration in the development and delivery of academic programs. Outreach has characterized its mission and history.

The university is an upper-level and graduate institution with selected bachelor's and master's degree programs in the Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, and Education and Human Development. In cooperation with community colleges, which offer the first two years of instruction, the university provides an opportunity for students to complete baccalaureate degrees. At both the undergraduate and graduate levels, the university admits only students whose records demonstrate successful academic performance at the college level.

The university serves students on campus in Victoria and delivers instruction to other communities in the area. In collaboration with other UH System universities, it offers degree programs at teaching centers in greater Houston. It provides extensive course offerings, selected degree programs, learning support, and many student services entirely online. In addition to degree programs, the university extends educational, informational, and cultural opportunities to the public through library services, outreach and professional development programs, and a variety of special events.

In reaching out to students online and on site in multiple communities, the University of Houston-Victoria is evolving beyond location. But though its identity may have changed, its basic mission remains the same: to provide able students, often with job and family obligations, convenient access to higher education that is affordable, credible, and relevant to their lives, their communities, and their world.

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.