About USU

THE PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION OF UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

“The mission of Utah State University is to be one of the nation’s premier student-centered land-grant and space-grant universities by fostering the principle that academics come first; by cultivating diversity of thought and culture; and by serving the public through learning, discovery, and engagement.”

Freedom of inquiry and expression is the basic educational principle upon which Utah State is founded. Student development is also a primary mission of USU. The University’s goals for student development are to:

• Develop skills of critical thinking and reasoning, and foster the process of intellectual discovery.
• Develop an awareness of and interest in the breadth of human intellectual achievement and cultural experience.
• Prepare students for personally satisfying careers.
• Facilitate emotional development and clarification of personal values.
• Facilitate physical development, health, and well-being.
• Maintain a campus environment that fosters a sense of community and social responsibility and facilitates development and effectiveness in interpersonal relationships.

ADMINISTRATION OF UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

Utah State is governed by the State Board of Regents and the USU Board of Trustees. USU is fully accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and by nineteen professional associations.

The chief executive of the University is the president. The provost is the chief academic officer and is second in authority to the president. Areas other than academic functions are administered by vice presidents.

Academic programs at USU are organized into eight academic colleges, each of which is headed by a dean. Each college is comprised of a group of academic departments and other units, which include programs and faculty in specific related disciplines. USU’s colleges, departments, and other units can be found at http://catalog.usu.edu.