

Standard 1: Missand education reflects the university's commitment to ach a balance that offers students the ~~best~~ qualities of a smaller college experience and the power of a ~~research~~ extensive institution, one of many ~~reasons~~ it continues to be included in lists of "public Ivy" universities. Through the

Description

The mission statement is framed by the production, evaluation and sharing of knowledge, ~~that~~ by research and scholarship. The university's vision ~~statement~~ brings this emphasis into greater focus, foregrounding not only excellence in research, but also a commitment to liberal education. ~~It~~ fits the alma mater of education pioneer John Dewey, the ~~mission~~ also foregrounds the university's role in fostering a lifelong commitment to learning, ethical conduct, and leadership in its students. President Sullivan has ~~the~~ recognized engagement with faculty, with local and global communities, with opportunities for research and active learning as an enduring feature of a UVM ["public Ivy"](#) education.

This balance is also visible in the contemporary translation of the university's [motto](#) Studiis et Rebus Honestis "Integrity in Theoretical and Practical Pursuit". The mission statement carries forward this original motto into the present and future of UVM as the state's ~~public~~ flagship and only land grant university. Morrill Hall, named after ~~Justin~~ Justin Smith Morrill, Vermont senator and author of the acts that established the land grant system, still houses UVM's [College of Agriculture and Life Sciences](#). In 2017,

The president's [four-point strategic action plan](#) sets forth specific steps that enhance the institution's capacity to fulfill its mission, live by community ideals, and promote its vision of dedication to world-class research and liberal education. The elements of the strategic action plan are:

- x Promoting affordability, financial access and academic support
- x Promoting academic excellence and cultivating talent
- x Identifying necessary investments to ensure a bright future
- x Instilling an institutional commitment to efficiency and effectiveness

Each component of the strategic action plan invites the UVM community to consider questions that are at the core of institutional identity: How can we increase access for all students? How can we foster quality and promote academic excellence? How do we balance good financial stewardship with institutional growth and vitality? And how can we improve the institution itself, to better serve the fulfillment of the mission?

Appraisal

The mission statement, which

Standard 7) initiation of a major—and very successful—capital campaign (Standard 7), creation of the Alumni House (Standard 3) and developing plans for a new campus athletic center (Standard 7).

The importance of shared community ideals, as articulated in Our Common Ground, has also been reflected in many areas of university practice. From the creation of the Our Common Ground Staff Award, to the establishment of the President's Commission on Inclusive Excellence, which coordinates and directs activities to further diversity and inclusion on the UVM campus, Our Common Ground ideals have been foregrounded in a number of ways in recent years. In 2017, the Faculty Senate formally adopted a resolution affirming the values articulated in Our Common Ground, underscoring the importance of these guiding principles in all areas of campus life.

The framework laid out by these key documents and plans connects campus units at all levels through the provost's [Academic Excellence Goals](#), unit-level mission statements, and strategic plans throughout the institution. Along with the vision, Strategic Action Plan, and Our Common Ground statement, the mission also informs the work of all campus units, and is reflected in level mission and vision statements, including, for example, the [University Libraries](#), the [Larner College of Medicine](#), the [Grossman School of Business](#), and the [Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources](#). At the program level, processes for the proposal and review of academic programs (see Standard 4, [Standard 8](#)) explicit discussion of how the program aligns with and contributes to the fulfillment of university's mission. The [Move Mountains campaign](#), which exceeded its \$500,000,000 goal nearly a year ahead of schedule, supports key strategic goals of increasing access, cultivating talent, and promoting fiscal responsibility and long-term viability of the institution.

While the mission permeates the administration of the university, it is less frequently invoked in the day-to-day workings of the institution than other key statements such as the vision and Our Common Ground. In forums held as part of preparation for the UVM Study, faculty, staff, and students initially expressed little familiarity with the specifics of the mission statement, but more familiarity with the vision statement and Our Common Ground ideals. However, after reading the mission statement, most participants confirmed that they saw a strong alignment of the mission statement and the university's

Attach a copy of the current mission statement.

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Institutional Mission Statement	https://www.uvm.edu/president/?Page=mission.html	5/17/03

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Jul-11	http://www.uvm.edu/president/?Page=nt/Strategic%20Action%20Plan%202010.07.13.pdf	http://www.uvm.edu/president/Strategic%20Action%20Plan%202010.07.13.pdf

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