

Vision Statement

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Minnesota State University Moorhead will be a welcoming educational community that offers rigorous courses of study and places high expectations upon its students. Our strong commitment to faculty-mentored undergraduate research and intellectual growth will provide students with continual opportunities for personal and professional achievement. MSUM will continue to foster an environment that encourages students to become versatile, thoughtful, innovative, and engaged leaders who contribute to their professions and their communities.

MSUM values diversity and mutual respect and will strive to instill these ideals throughout the institution. MSUM honors its heritage as a respected, student-focused, public university and will continue to enhance our student's lives at the same time that it contributes to the community and the region. MSUM will offer graduate and professional programs that contribute to the state and region through increased collaboration with local and state business, industry, and human services to assure optimal preparation of graduates.

Minnesota State University Moorhead will build upon a solid foundation of high quality teaching and learning as it commits to a future as the premiere Liberal Arts and Sciences-based university in the region.

Following are details of our vision:

Curricular

Continue development and growth of critical academic programs, including those that have established regional prominence.

Expand 2+2 programs with community and technical colleges as well as professional development programs that serve the needs of area employers and enable workers to continue their educations.

Develop interdisciplinary and cutting-edge programs that capitalize on strengths and opportunities.

Increase online, distance, and alternate course delivery options, together with enhanced opportunities for late day and weekend scheduling.

Support comprehensive, evolving, and innovative curricular designs that prepare students for emerging technologies, increasing global connections, and complex ethical, social, civic, and environmental responsibilities.

Co-curricular

Develop first year and multi-year academic living and learning communities.

Continue emphasis on undergraduate research and creative activity in a faculty-mentored environment.

Continue development of a strong athletics program that promotes a balance between academic achievement, athletic success, and community engagement and service.

Collaborate with alumni and regional business and community leaders to enrich curricula through guest lectures, career explorations, workplace connections, professional internships, and advisory committees.

Increase student preparation for a diverse and global workplace through study abroad and diversity programs.

Continue a focus on holistic student development through programs that integrate diversity, student organizations, intramural activities, engaged responsible living, and service learning.

Environmental

Continue campus master planning and careful stewardship to improve the physical and social spaces that will promote learning, sustainability, and campus ownership by students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Integrate appropriate technologies that improve our systems and processes as well as support student learning.

Develop strong and ongoing relationships with alumni and a strong Alumni Foundation that promote philanthropy to support the institution.

Develop transparent fiscal models that promote long term stability and reflect our institution's values.

Collaborate with the city, surrounding neighborhoods, and private partners to increase residential alternatives and promote the desirability of living in the immediate area and in the region.

Continue to provide cultural, educational, intellectual, and outreach programs and activities that strengthen the university and contribute to the vitality of the local community.