

University Profile

Mission, Core-Themes, and Values

Mission

Utah Tech University is a public comprehensive university dedicated to rigorous learning and the enrichment of the professional and personal lives of its students and community by providing opportunities that engage the unique Southern Utah environment and resources.

Core Themes (L.E.O.)

Learning

Delivering excellent teaching, preparing knowledgeable and competent students

Engagement

Maintaining active involvement and positive collaboration with students, faculty, staff, and the community to foster economic and community development, facilitating educational, cultural recreational enrichment.

Opportunity

Valuing inclusion, access, diversity, equity, service and citizenship.

Values

Student-centered success: providing an affordable education with experiences that develop the academic, professional, and personal lives of all students

Academic excellence: stimulating learning and critical thinking through rigor, student empowerment, and practical application.

Equity and Inclusion: creating a community of diverse individuals, ideas, and beliefs; practicing open discourse and collaboration.

Accountability: working with honesty, transparency, and respect for others while holding ourselves accountable for our actions.

Service leadership: emphasizing civic, economic, and cultural engagement with the community.

Creative and innovation: problem solving in learning, teaching, fostering new ways of thinking, and researching.

Local and global resources: incorporating a variety of resources into the educational experience with a special emphasis on the unique local resources.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on November 6, 2015

University Accreditations

Utah Tech University located in St. George, Utah has been accredited continuously by Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities since receiving initial accreditation on September 1, 1945. The Commission most recently reaffirmed the accreditation of the institution in Fall 2020 on the basis of an Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness. The institution's next comprehensive evaluation is scheduled for Fall 2027.

Institutional accreditation is a process for verifying an educational institution's mission fulfillment, effectiveness, performance, integrity, and quality. Institutions accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities are required to examine their own missions, goals, operations, and achievements. The Commission then provides expert analysis by peer evaluators, and later, commendations for accomplishments and recommendations for improvement from the accrediting body. Since the accreditation status of an institution is reviewed periodically, institutions are encouraged toward continued self-study and improvement.

The accreditation granted to Utah Tech University, by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and University is not partial. It applies to the entire institution in operation at the time of the most recent comprehensive evaluation. It indicates that the institution as a whole is substantially achieving its mission and that it meets the Commission's expectations for compliance with the accreditation criteria.

Inquiries regarding an institution's accredited status by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact: Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, 8060 165th Avenue N.E., Suite 100, Redmond, WA 98052 - (425) 558-4224 - www.nwccu.org