

FACULTY HANDBOOK

THE MISSION AND GOALS OF HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

The mission of Humboldt State University is to provide an environment where learning is the highest priority. While instruction is central to the mission of Humboldt State University, the University also acts as a base for discovery through research and creative activities. Further, the University serves as a repository and archive for accumulated knowledge.

The oversight welcomes the challenges and opportunities of a diverse and rapidly changing society. To this end, we are a community that strives to value diversity, to be inclusive, and to respect alternative paradigms of behavior and value systems.

As a public-supported institution, the University endeavors to reach out to the people of the local region, the State of California, and the world community. The University works to serve society by investigating and discussing problems of the past, the present, and the future with the intent of facilitating positive intellectual, political, and social growth.

In fulfilling its mission, the University strives to provide a campus atmosphere and sufficient human and material resources to support ever-changing curricula, research, and creative activities. The University strives to provide an environment where learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom and to offer educational opportunities that:

- Nurture a general and enduring capacity for learning, intellectual growth, and disciplined examination of human experience;
- develop a fundamental understanding of the interdependent web of life;
- cultivate the capacities of individuals for self-initiative, self-fulfillment, and autonomous and responsible action;
- prepare individuals for entry into and success in programs for advanced academic or professional degrees;
- provide individuals with a quality undergraduate and graduate education;
- prepare women and men for positions of leadership and productivity in occupations and other endeavors of their choice;
- offer instruction and training sufficiently valuable in and of themselves that they do not necessarily lead to or require acquisition of a traditional academic degree;
- prepare individuals for fulfillment of their roles as productive and responsible members of the local, state, national and world communities.

The University nurtures learning and personal growth in an environment of free inquiry. The University provides means to satisfy a wide spectrum of lifelong learning needs and to provide an environment where the joy of learning and discovery transforms and empowers the individual. Thus, Humboldt State University seeks to offer each person the opportunity to realize the highest aspirations of people everywhere for the good of both the individual and society. (See Executive Memorandum P91-1.)