

Texas Southern University

Mission Statement

The designation of Texas Southern University as “a special purpose institution of higher education for urban programming” provides a foundation for its programmatic goals. Ascribing to the global implications of its urban mission, the University focuses on high quality teaching, research and public service as a means of preparing students for leadership roles in the urban communities of our state, nation, and world. Texas Southern University offers a variety of academic programs to students of diverse backgrounds and various levels of scholastic achievement. These students matriculate in undergraduate and graduate programs leading to degrees in the Arts and Sciences, public Affairs, Education, Business, Health Sciences, Law, Pharmacy and Technology.

A special challenge of the institutional mission is the open access philosophy which affords admission to broad categories of students—from the academically under prepared to the intellectually gifted. In support of this concept, faculty develops special programs and creates an appropriate intellectual climate for individuals who are not included in traditional university missions. The expected educational outcomes of all academic programs are that students will possess an appreciation for humanistic values, acquire effective use of communicative skills, and develop an appreciation and competency in the use of technology in daily living. These educational outcomes are periodically assessed to ensure the quality of the educational experience. As the result of matriculating at Texas Southern University, students gain the personal confidence and capability to succeed in the global workplace.

In fulfilling its purpose, Texas Southern University is committed to the following: maintaining an innovative, productive, and receptive learning environment; implementing

initiatives to ensure a suitable environment for research and other scholarly activities; and infusing new technological advances into its infrastructure and academic programs.