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University of the Southwest



Our Mission

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THE USW MISSION



A Christ Centered Community

The faculty, staff, and students of University of the Southwest are governed by policies and procedures grounded in Biblical principles that reflect Christ-centered values. Students are instructed and mentored by a faculty and staff who demonstrate these values in their personal and professional lives.

The academic curriculum and comprehensive campus life program at University of the Southwest are designed for the pursuit of academic excellence in a supportive educational environment where the freedoms of thought and expression are honored and the demonstration of faith in acts of service is encouraged. University of the Southwest maintains an educational environment in which students can live and work cooperatively, valuing the multiple cultures from which they come. Consistent with the words of Jesus that “the greatest among you is the one who serves,” University of the Southwest is committed to developing men and women for a lifetime of servant leadership by emphasizing faith, responsibility, and initiative.

Christian Faith

The Prophet Micah summarized the essence of Biblical values in his assertion that “God has showed us what is good and what the Lord requires of us—to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” Jesus taught in the Gospel of Luke: “As you wish that people would do to you, do so to them.” In the Gospel of Matthew, in response to a request to identify the most important commandments of the law, Jesus also said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.” The University is committed to pursuing its educational mission while embracing justice, kindness, humility, and love in our formal and informal programs.

Regarding theological matters, such historical efforts as the Apostle’s Creed, the Nicene Creed, and many other formal and informal confessions of faith have sought to frame a common statement of the basic truths of Christian faith. USW does not seek doctrinal uniformity or subscription to a common

statement of faith. Rather, the founding documents of the University assert simply that the teaching at the University will “always adhere to belief in God, in the Bible as the inspired word of God, in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and separation of church and state”.

Recognizing that there is a variety of conviction and opinion about the complexities of theology, University of the Southwest encourages people of Christian faith who have different perspectives to learn from each other. USW affirms that God loves us in the quest for truth that is our educational enterprise. Jesus said, “You shall know the truth and the truth will make you free.”

Personal Responsibility

It has long been noted that successful endeavors begin with individuals who are



willing to invest themselves personally. One of the 20th century’s most influential theologians, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, summarily recognized the connection between responsibility and its resultant challenge. “Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility.” Elizabeth Cady Stanton, an early leader of the women’s suffrage movement, once pronounced that “Nothing strengthens the judgment and quickens the conscience like individual responsibility.”

Indeed, without such a responsible investment--on the part of both the University and its students--a degree becomes a mere piece of paper. Consequently, the entire faculty and staff at University of the Southwest strive to teach, to model, and to encourage students to shoulder the personal responsibility necessary for the successful completion of their academic careers which will best prepare them to make beneficial decisions for themselves, their communities, and the world in which they live.

Individual Initiative

As a community of initiative, University of the Southwest challenges graduates to become enterprising members of our society contributing to the common good by advocating for and participating in the productive commerce of free enterprise, the constitutional privilege of self-government, and the practical contributions of community service. USW strives to arm students with a quality education underscored in faith and responsibility so that they are well equipped to exercise initiative in addressing the many concerns of life and society. University of the Southwest exists to create tomorrow’s servant leaders who embrace bold ideas with a willingness to take strong action tempered with passion and reason, courage and commitment.





Our Work

Teaching at University of the Southwest adheres to belief in God, in the Bible as the inspired Word of God, in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and in the separation of church and state;

University of the Southwest strives for excellence in academic curriculum, campus life programming, and student activities in a supportive educational community where freedom of thought and expression is honored and the demonstration of faith in acts of service is encouraged;

At University of the Southwest, students are instructed and mentored by a faculty and staff who demonstrate Christ-centered values and maintain an environment where students can live and work cooperatively, valuing the multiple cultures from which they come; and

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University of the Southwest admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin. The University does not discriminate in the administration of academic policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic programs, or any other university administered policy or program.

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