

MISSION STATEMENT

**INSTITUTION: Sul Ross State University &
Sul Ross State University-Rio Grande College**

**APB: January 24, 1986
APB: April 19, 1991
APB: January 25, 2001
APB: January 27, 2005
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The ultimate goal of higher education is to produce graduates who will be effective leaders in their chosen professions, valued members of their communities, and responsible citizens of the world.

As a coeducational, comprehensive, public institution of higher education offering certificate programs and associate, baccalaureate, and master's degree programs, the mission of Sul Ross State University and Sul Ross State University-Rio Grande College is to include the following structure in all of its academic programs:

From the core curriculum, students will acquire a common set of intellectual, physical, and aesthetic experiences designed to foster a broad appreciation for the human experience. Graduates will be expected to demonstrate the critical thinking skills, oral and written communication skills, and quantitative literacy that will be required for them to become effective leaders. Moreover, graduates will possess the in-depth knowledge necessary to either enter professions that are related to their areas of specialization, to achieve advanced levels of professional development, or to enter and successfully complete graduate programs of study.

As a part of their education, students will develop qualities of good citizenship, including an appreciation for and commitment to performing their work conscientiously; learning to recognize, respect, and understand cultural diversity; and learning to recognize the implications of what they believe. Most importantly, they will acquire the skills and techniques which enable them to engage in self-learning, and a spirit of intellectual curiosity leading to independent and purposeful life-long learning.

In order to guarantee that this mission is carried out in the spirit of the goals of higher education, Sul Ross State University has three major functions:

1. **To enable optimal teaching and learning** through quality faculty and staff, exceptional facilities, technology, and instructional resources, and effective student support services;
2. **To support research** which advances knowledge, enriches teaching, encourages professional development, and utilizes the distinctive environment of the Big Bend and Middle Rio Grande areas of Texas;
3. **To serve as a resource for enrichment** of the cultural, intellectual, social, and economic life of citizens of the region.