

MISSION

Southwest Minnesota State University prepares students to meet the complex challenges of this century as engaged citizens in their local and global communities. Our comprehensive degree programs, taught in the liberal arts tradition, are dedicated to connecting students' academic and practical professional development experiences in southwestern Minnesota to the wider world.

The University mission aligns with its governing system's mission and strategic priorities. The Minnesota State System mission is "The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system of distinct and collaborative institutions offers higher education that meets the personal and career goals of a wide range of individual learners, enhances the quality of life for all Minnesotans and sustains vibrant economies throughout the state."

Vision

SMSU aspires to be recognized throughout Minnesota and beyond for being an inclusive and student-centered university.

Value Statement

We value:

1. Discovery through innovative teaching, research and other high-impact experiences.
2. Civic engagement and strategic partnerships.
3. Developing broadly educated and well-rounded leaders.