

## 2. MISSION

### 2.1. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM MISSION

UW-Superior is one of the eleven institutions in the University Cluster, which together with the two institutions of the Doctoral Cluster, thirteen UW College campuses and UW-Extension, comprise the University of Wisconsin System. The UW-System is under the control of the Board of Regents, a statewide board composed of seventeen members. At the head of the UW-System is the President.

#### University Cluster

Eau Claire  
 Green Bay  
 LaCrosse  
 Oshkosh  
 Parkside (Kenosha)  
 Platteville  
 River Falls  
 Stevens Point  
 Stout (Menomonie)  
 Superior  
 Whitewater

#### Doctoral Cluster

Madison  
 Milwaukee

#### UW Colleges

Baraboo/Sauk County  
 Barron County (Rice Lake)  
 Fond du Lac  
 Fox Valley (Menasha)  
 Manitowoc County  
 Marathon County (Wausau)  
 Marinette County  
 Marshfield/Wood County  
 Richland (Richland Center)  
 Rock County (Janesville)  
 Sheboygan County  
 Washington County (West Bend)  
 Waukesha County

Each institution of the University of Wisconsin System shares in the mission of the System.

The mission of this System is to develop human resources, to discover and disseminate knowledge, to extend knowledge and its application beyond the boundaries of its campuses, and to serve and stimulate society by developing in students heightened intellectual, cultural, and humane sensitivities; scientific, professional, and technological expertise; and a sense of purpose. Inherent in this broad mission are methods of instruction, research, extended education, and public service designed to educate people and improve the human condition. Basic to every purpose of the System is the search for truth.

### 2.2. CORE MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY CLUSTER

Institutions in the University Cluster share the following core mission:

Providing baccalaureate degree level and selected graduate programs within the context of its approved select mission.

Meeting the educational personal development needs of students through effective teaching, academic advising, and counseling, and through university-sponsored cultural, recreational, and extracurricular programs.

Providing a first priority emphasis on teaching excellence.

Providing a base of liberal studies needed as the foundation for university degrees in the arts, letters, and sciences, as well as for specialized professional and occupational degrees at the baccalaureate level.

Providing a program of pre-professional curricular offerings consistent with the university's mission to serve the needs of citizens in its geographical area.

Supporting a commitment to scholarly activity integral to and supportive of instructional programs in teaching excellence.

Meeting the off-campus instructional and continuing education needs of citizens in the campus service region and (as appropriate) to unique program capability in the state within the context of coordinated statewide planning of outreach programs.

Providing public service to the surrounding region both as a cultural center and a source of problem-solving expertise.

Participating in regional consortia and inter-institutional relationships in order to maximize educational opportunity for the people of the region effectively and efficiently through the sharing of resources.

Supporting a commitment to serving the special needs of minority, disadvantaged and nontraditional students.

### **2.3. VISION STATEMENT FOR UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-SUPERIOR**

By the Year 2010, University of Wisconsin-Superior shall be firmly established as a nationally recognized public liberal arts institution where the learning community emphasizes individual attention and promotes intellectual growth, personal development, career preparation, professional studies, and life-long learning in an atmosphere of individual dignity with respect for the diversity of human cultures. To this end, UW-Superior continually engages its students and the larger community in global research and discourse and exposes all to challenging ideas that forge new models of responsible citizenship. UW-Superior will also celebrate its regional climate and multiethnic heritage on a vibrant and beautiful campus.

### **2.4. SELECT MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-SUPERIOR**

The University of Wisconsin-Superior fosters intellectual growth and career preparation within a liberal arts tradition that emphasizes individual attention and embodies respect for diverse cultures and multiple voices.

(pending Board of Regents approval)

