UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Troy University is a public institution comprised of a network of campuses throughout Alabama and worldwide. International in scope, Troy University provides a variety of educational programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels for a diverse student body in traditional, nontraditional, and emerging electronic formats. Academic programs are supported by a variety of student services which promote the welfare of the individual student. Troy University's dedicated faculty and staff promote discovery and exploration of knowledge and its application to life-long success through effective teaching, service, creative partnerships, scholarship and research.

founding in February 1887 as Troy Normal School. From the outset, the institution quickly earned a reputation for innovation and accessibility. Troy Normal became Troy State Teachers College in 1929, Troy State College in 1957, and Troy State University in 1967.

The Montgomery campus earned independent accreditation in 1983, as did the Dothan campus in 1985. The Phenix City campus and the locations around the nation and the world, administered by

the Troy Global Campus, have always operated under the accreditation of the Trov campus.

In 2005, the separately accredited campuses were merged into a single university structure forming Troy University. This name change represented the fifth major advancement in the storied, dynamic rise of the University to national and international prominence. Today, Troy University serves nearly 30,000 students versity's constituency for professional development and educational enrichment. The degree offerings reflect a wide range of master's degrees and a selected number of specialist programs that serve students and practitioners throughout this region and at site locations globally.

THE GRADUATE SachtlifposeLfurther exists to provide educational services for the larger community, especially graduate and advanced education for advitable of the Graduate Council are elected from the graduate fatotroughther ivertoute glesote her ognianers the Graduate School provides an academic environment conducive to the maximum development of students. This whit pot the university provides quality programs to students and the larger community through the utilization basic statur parses facit the estain der thing cage deseanch estupiento e Ketadbanga Statetarships, attordependili theetyinizeersity's Board of Trustees. While the chart dright the ware the war reflects an institutional purpose that was dedinated the teacher education, there has been in recent years programming dedication to the advancement of the arts and sciences business communication and fine arts and health and fruman services.

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world economics, international relations and advancement of democratic processes, along with the preservation and advancement of the cultural heritage, will demand constant attention in determining the future purposes of the University.

Nature of Graduate Work

Graduate level work differs appreciably from that of undergraduate programs. Graduate students will find that their programs are geared toward meeting certain criteria.

The first of these criteria is that the graduate student should understand the ramifications of research as well as the manner in which it is conducted. Research, the context of graduate study, is conducted in a systematic, thorough, critical, interpretative, and analytical manner free of preconceived notions and receptive to new ideas; such research attempts to collate and synthesize new patterns of meaning, discover new truths, and correct past errors.

The second component of the graduate program requires that graduate students master their field of study. Such mastery would entail a thorough grasp of the subject matter, literature in the field, theory, and methodology related to the student's field of interest.

Finally, every graduate program must give students the opportunity to demonstrate research skills, knowledge of the field, and opportunity to contribute to the field of study. Thus, a person who wishes to do graduate level work must be prepared to pass examinations, both written and oral, to write coherent papers that reflect the results of research as defined above, and to participate in course projects.

Organization and Administration of the Graduate School

The Graduate School of Troy University is under the general supervision of the Graduate Council. The Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School serve as ex officio members of the Council. The Council is organized to provide for systematic examination, approval, and evaluation of all curricular offerings and degree requirements. All policies and regulations affecting graduate curricular and degree programs are formulated by the Graduate Council.