

Institutional Vision, Mission, Goals, Principles

Vision

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is committed to becoming one of the leading centers of higher education in the Gulf of Mexico region while serving the intellectual, cultural, social, environmental, and economic needs of South Texas. As a result, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will invigorate and strengthen the region and state through its educational programs, research initiatives, and outreach efforts.

Mission

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is devoted to discovering, communicating, and applying knowledge in a complex and changing world. The university identifies, attracts, and graduates students of high potential, especially those from groups who have been historically under-represented in Texas higher education. Through a commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi prepares students for lifelong learning and for responsible participation in the global community.

University Goals

By 2010, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will establish:

1. A student body, of more than 10,000 students, which is representative of the demographics of the State of Texas and a corresponding increase of faculty and staff to support the students.
2. A faculty dedicated to the continuous improvement of teaching, learning, scholarly research, and creative activity.
3. A statewide reputation for an exemplary undergraduate education, anchored by an integrated core curriculum and learning communities.
4. Recognized master's degree programs that enable students to be leaders in their fields and/or to continue their education at the doctoral level.
5. Strong doctoral programs which include degrees in a discipline related to the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, education, computer science, and clinical psychology, bringing the institution to the doctoral intensive institution classification.
6. An enhanced research mission and a growing international reputation for research focusing on the Gulf of Mexico, early childhood, geographic information systems, and reading education.
7. Collaborations with independent school districts, social agencies, public broadcasting, businesses, community colleges, medical schools, and other entities to provide access to lifelong learning and technological resources so that Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is considered to be a leader in establishing successful partnerships, particularly to benefit the community.
8. An intellectual and cultural climate that inspires South Texans through the South Texas Institute for the Arts, the Performing Arts Center, and other cultural programs.
9. Programs for students, faculty, and staff to develop leadership, collegiality, and university involvement.
10. Access to the array of information resources and technology infrastructure necessary to support university programs, services, and research.

Institutional Principles:

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is committed to the realization of its vision, the accomplishment of its mission, and the attainment of its goals by:

- Recruiting, retaining, and supporting a diverse, highly qualified student body, faculty and staff.
- Establishing a culture of professionalism and responsibility.
- Fostering free and open intellectual inquiry, accomplishment, and expression.
- Ensuring respectful, fair, and equitable treatment of all individuals.
- Fostering an open, shared, and participatory decision making process.
- Promoting efficient and effective use of time, resources and technology.
- Providing an active campus life that extends teaching and learning beyond the classroom.

- Providing a safe and secure campus environment for students, faculty, and staff.
- Involving the university community, alumni, civic and government leaders, and other friends of the university in the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi vision and mission.