The Mission Statement of The University of Scranton

The University of Scranton is a Catholic and Jesuit university animated by the spiritual vision and the tradition of excellence characteristic of the Society of Jesus and those who share its way of proceeding. The University is a community dedicated to the freedom of inquiry and personal development fundamental to the growth in wisdom and integrity of all who share its life.

The Vision of The University of Scranton

The University of Scranton will be boldly driven by a shared commitment to excellence. We will provide a superior, transformational learning experience, preparing students who, in the words of Jesuit founder St. Ignatius Loyola, will “set the world on fire.”

Characteristics

As a Catholic and Jesuit university, The University of Scranton shares with all the fullness of the Catholic intellectual tradition, the distinctive worldview of the Christian Gospels, and the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola. The University educates men and women for others who are committed to the service of faith and promotion of justice. At the same time, the institution invites persons from other religious traditions and diverse backgrounds to share in our work and contribute to our mission.

The University of Scranton is a comprehensive university, offering degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels in the traditional disciplines of the liberal arts as well as in pre-professional and professional areas. The University provides educational opportunities and support programs that promote its mission, meet the needs and interests of traditional and non-traditional students, and serve the needs of the local region.

By offering undergraduate students a core curriculum in the Jesuit tradition based on the arts and sciences, the University adheres to its liberal arts tradition. The University communicates to students the importance of gathering, evaluating, disseminating and applying information using traditional and contemporary methods. Scranton provides learning experiences that reach beyond the fundamental acquisition of knowledge to include understanding interactions and syntheses through discussion, critical thinking and application. This dedication to educational process promotes a respect for knowledge and a lifelong commitment to learning, discernment and ethical decision making.

Scranton is more than a respected institution, but also a caring, nurturing community. Students, faculty and staff foster a spirit of caring – grounded in Jesuit tradition of cura personalis – that enables all members of our community to engage fully in our mission, according to their needs and interests. Our institution facilitates the personal growth and transformation of all members of the University community through a spirit of caring. This spirit of caring for the wider community is extended through acts of civic engagement and service. By demonstrating high standards and care for our physical environment, the University enhances our sense of community.

The University of Scranton is dedicated to being a dynamic institution, developing goals and aspirations by systematically reflecting on opportunities for and challenges to fulfilling our mission. We fulfill our institutional objectives through careful planning and management of resources in order to achieve our aspirations while remaining affordable to our students. The University also engages our community in purposefully monitoring progress toward the accomplishment of our mission and strategic plan.