

THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON
CORE EDUCATIONAL MISSION AND INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

UNIVERSITY MISSION

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.

CORE EDUCATIONAL MISSION

The University of Scranton's Core Educational Mission is based on the vision of life contained in the Gospels and the Spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The University's graduates will use their knowledge and skills to live with wisdom and integrity. The core educational mission is to provide a transformative learning experience for all students. This core mission is addressed through two distinctive elements that are embodied in Ignatian Spirituality and Jesuit pedagogy.

The Magis describes the quest for excellence and inspires one to do more, beyond their perceived capabilities. Through this inspiration students will aspire to high levels of accomplishment that enhance personal achievement and their preparedness and ability to contribute and lead as members of society.

The University's dedication to *cura personalis* recognizes students as unique individuals and helps them to develop intellectually, socially, and spiritually in diverse manners.

The University of Scranton's core educational mission is implemented by faculty and staff, who are committed to educating in the tradition of Ignatian spirituality and Jesuit pedagogy. Faculty and staff are accessible to students and engage them in a variety of traditional and non-traditional learning environments.

INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates of The University of Scranton will move beyond the possession of the intellectual and practical skills that form the basis of professional competence and inspired *The Magis* possess the knowledge and ability to address the most significant questions, engaging their colleagues successfully and ethically, and advancing towards positions of leadership in their chosen field of study. Furthermore, our graduates will, through their experience of *cura personalis*, demonstrate that they are persons of character and women and men for others, through their devotion to the spiritual and corporal welfare of other human beings and by their special commitment to the pursuit of social justice and the common good of the entire human community.

Upon completion of their program of study, students will be able to:

- Develop and use the intellectual and practical competencies that are the foundation of personal and professional development and lifelong learning including oral and written communication, scientific and quantitative reasoning, critical analysis and reasoning, and technological competency and information literacy¹.
- Exhibit broad knowledge of the human condition, understanding the world in its physical and natural aspects, as well as the philosophical and theological basis for modern thought, faith and belief.
- Demonstrate competence in their chosen field of study, using the knowledge and ability to address the most significant questions, and advancing towards positions of leadership.
- Employ their knowledge and intellect to address situations in a way that demonstrates a devotion to the spiritual and corporal welfare of other human beings and by a special commitment to the pursuit of social justice and the common good of the entire human community.

¹ These competency areas are also cornerstones of general education. The University's general education goals are further articulated in the document, *The General Education Program*.