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Utah State University

The academic advantages of a large university together with the friendliness of a small college are offered at Utah State University. With a student body of more than 23,000, USU recognizes that the needs of the individual are of major importance, and many programs have been established to give the student the optimum of individual attention.

With 44 departments in eight academic colleges, a School of Graduate Studies, University Extension, and several research programs, Utah State University offers an excellent opportunity for students to study a wide range of subjects.

USU was founded in 1888 as part of the public educational system of Utah and operates under the constitution and laws of the state. It belongs to the family of institutions known as land-grant universities, which had their origin in 1862. The institution was originally called the Agricultural College of Utah, later becoming Utah State Agricultural College. The state legislature designated the name change to Utah State University in 1957.

A sixteen-member State Board of Regents governs the Utah state system of higher education. This board has the responsibility for state-wide master planning for higher education, assignment of roles to the several institutions in the state system, and control of operating and capital budgets for the institutions. USU has a

ten-member Board of Trustees which is responsible for implementing the assigned roles, including the appointment of personnel and the enactment of rules and governing regulations.

USU is governed by the State Board of Regents and accredited by Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, American Psychological Association, American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, Utah State Board of Education—Teacher Education Program, Council on Rehabilitation Education, Accrediting Board of Engineering and Technology, American Society of Landscape Architects, Commission on Accreditation—Council on Social Work Education, American Chemical Society, Society of American Foresters, National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission, Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), American Dietetic Association, Foundation for Interior Design, Education, and Research, National Association of Schools of Music, Utah State Board of Vocational Education, and the Society for Range Management. USU is a land-grant and a Carnegie Foundation “Doctoral/Research University-Extensive” institution. Credit earned at USU is fully transferable to other universities and colleges in the United States of America.

Utah State University Mission Statement

Utah State University integrates teaching, research, extension, and service to meet its unique role as Utah’s land-grant university. Students are the focus of the University as they seek intellectual, personal, and cultural development.

The mission of Utah State University is to provide high-quality undergraduate and graduate instruction, excellent general education, and specialized academic and professional degree programs. USU is committed to preparing students to serve the people of Utah, the nation, and the world.

USU provides nationally and internationally acclaimed programs of basic and applied research. USU engages in research to

further the quest for knowledge and to help society meet its scientific, technological, environmental, economic, and social challenges.

Outreach to Utah’s citizens through extension and service programs is central to the University’s mission. The University’s outreach programs provide to individuals, communities, institutions, and industries throughout the state, services that help improve technology, the environment, and quality of life.

In all its endeavors, the University is committed to developing responsible citizens through freedom of inquiry and expression, and through its best efforts in teaching, research, creative arts, extension and service, and encouraging cultural diversity.