

Student Services

Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose

Institutional Mission Reference

The mission and major goals of Old Dominion University can be found in the University Catalog and the 2000-2005 Strategic Plan. An important part of the University's mission is to "promote the advancement of knowledge and pursuit of truth. It develops in students a respect for the dignity and worth of the individual, a capacity for critical reasoning and a genuine desire for learning."

Every Old Dominion University undergraduate student follows a general education program that is designed to develop the intellectual skills of critical thinking and problem solving and to encompass the breadth of understanding needed for personal growth and achievement and for responsible citizenship. This general education program places special emphasis upon appreciation of the arts and upon understanding the perspectives of women, minorities, and non-Western cultures."

"The enrichment of the lives of students and residents of Hampton Roads is fostered through University sponsored cultural activities, fine and performing arts events, and intercollegiate athletics."

"Extracurricular activities and experiences are offered that challenge students to develop a personal system of values, to think and act autonomously, to achieve physical competence and to establish a sense of their own identity. Other services help students meet educational, personal, and health needs."

"To evaluate its accomplishments against its goals, a continued process of systematic assessment is given high priority by the University. Information gained from such efforts is utilized to ensure the highest quality for all University programs."

Institutional Goal(s) Supported

To support Old Dominion University's mission, Student Services provides meaningful student life experiences which foster an affirming and enriching campus environment and challenge and support students in order to facilitate the development of their intellectual, emotional, physical, recreational, ethical and spiritual growth.

Intended Objectives, Methods for Assessment, and Criteria for Success

Intended Objective 1

To motivate students to see college as a seamless educational opportunity with the potential for learning inherent in both curricular and co-curricular experiences. And to promote this learning through encouraging both active participation and reflection.

Method for Assessing Objective 1 and Criterion for Success: The Division of Student Services maintains a planning database which tracks all initiatives and outcomes relative to institutional goals, and division goals. The planning database can be accessed via the Vice Presidents Office.

Intended Objective 2

To remove barriers and enhance the opportunities for student success and retention by providing programs and services to serve as resources for faculty and to create partnerships with faculty.

Method for Assessing Objective 2 and Criterion for Success: The Division of Student Services maintains a planning database which tracks all initiatives and outcomes relative to institutional goals, and division goals. The planning database can be accessed via the Vice Presidents Office.

Intended Objective 3

To meet students' immediate needs by treating physical illnesses and psychological problems and to provide health education designed to increase awareness of low and high risk choices, especially those related to stress management, human sexuality, and alcohol and other drugs.

Method for Assessing Objective 3 and Criterion for Success: The Division of Student Services maintains a planning database which tracks all initiatives and outcomes relative to institutional goals, and division goals. The planning database can be accessed via the Vice Presidents Office.

Intended Objective 4

To provide students opportunities for the development of social and leadership skills and for effective interaction with other individuals and groups.

Method for Assessing Objective 4 and Criterion for Success: The Division of Student Services maintains a planning database which tracks all initiatives and outcomes relative to institutional goals, and division goals. The planning database can be accessed via the Vice Presidents Office.

Intended Objective 5

To provide opportunities for interaction among individuals of different cultures, backgrounds, orientations, and abilities in order that they might develop an appreciation for each other, overcome stereotypical role restrictions, and value cultural diversity.

Method for Assessing Objective 5 and Criterion for Success: The Division of Student Services maintains a planning database which tracks all initiatives and outcomes relative to institutional goals, and division goals. The planning database can be accessed via the Vice Presidents Office.

Intended Objective 6

To respond to emotional physical and academic problems that demand immediate intervention.

Method for Assessing Objective 6 and Criterion for Success: The Division of Student Services maintains a planning database which tracks all initiatives and outcomes relative to institutional goals, and division goals. The planning database can be accessed via the Vice Presidents Office.

Intended Objective 7

To assist students in making satisfying choices about education, work, and life through developing values and ethical standards and applying them through the development of decision making skills.

Method for Assessing Objective 7 and Criterion for Success: The Division of Student Services maintains a planning database which tracks all initiatives and outcomes relative to institutional goals, and division goals. The planning database can be accessed via the Vice Presidents Office.

Intended Objective 8

To provide a range of opportunities for active student involvement, enjoyment and the broadening of cultural experience

Method for Assessing Objective 8 and Criterion for Success: The Division of Student Services maintains a planning database which tracks all initiatives and outcomes relative to institutional goals, and division goals. The planning database can be accessed via the Vice Presidents Office.

Intended Objective 9

To promote a positive image of the University and Student Services through quality communications, campus programs, community service involvement.

Method for Assessing Objective 9 and Criterion for Success: The Division of Student Services maintains a planning database which tracks all initiatives and outcomes relative to institutional goals, and division goals. The planning database can be accessed via the Vice Presidents Office.

Intended Objective 10

To maintain the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and service to the University community by providing staff development and training, conducting research that informs the University: evaluating programs and services. Linking resources and integrating people and technology.

Method for Assessing Objective 10 and Criterion for Success: The Division of Student Services maintains a planning database which tracks all initiatives and outcomes relative to institutional goals, and division goals. The planning database can be accessed via the Vice Presidents Office.