MISSION AND VISION

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The University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) exists to help students learn by providing transformative education experiences to students so that they may become productive, creative, ethical and engaged citizens and leaders serving our global community. UCO contributes to the intellectual, cultural, economic and social advancement of the communities and individuals it serves.

VISION STATEMENT

The University of Central Oklahoma, as Oklahoma’s metropolitan university committed to helping students learn, embraces its role as a collaborative partner and leader to meet the educational, business and community aspirations of the Greater Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area. Our dynamic metropolitan region shapes the university even as the university contributes to the cultural, social, economic, and intellectual life of the region to realize our shared future. Metropolitan engagement informs every dimension of the university’s activities in cultivating learning, discovery of new knowledge, and encouraging shared leadership to the extent that this synergy will inspire others to recognize UCO as one of the nation’s leading metropolitan universities.

STRATEGY STATEMENT

The University of Central Oklahoma will actively respond to the needs and opportunities of the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area by pursuing innovative partnerships, by adhering to our fundamental commitment to provide transformative teaching and learning experiences to our students, by engaging our students in experiential learning activities that advance the quality of life for all, by supporting life-long learning and work force development and expansion, and by the impactful contribution of our research and professional services expertise to the metropolitan area.

TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING

Through access to a high quality, affordable transformative teaching and learning experience, we seek to educate creative, collaborative graduates who are adaptable and engaged critical thinkers, who are receptive to new ideas, who celebrate the diversity of our region, and who will live fulfilling lives.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

Through the cultivating of partnerships throughout the metropolitan area and beyond, we serve the needs of our community, and provide graduates who are equipped with the skills to assist the metropolitan area to thrive in a competitive global environment.
RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Through professional services and research, we provide leadership and counsel on issues vital to the health of the metropolitan region’s businesses and industry, education institutions, families, and to its cultural quality of life.

QUALITY OF CAMPUS EXPERIENCES

Through its ethos of inclusion, transparency, collaboration, and respect across the institution that recognizes the unique and individual value of each of its traditional and non-traditional students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni, the University of Central Oklahoma will be recognized nationally for its living and learning-centered environment.

CALL TO ACTION

The University of Central Oklahoma is the Leadership University, delivering education based on our shared values of Community, Character and Civility. UCO transforms each student by focusing our resources on the Central Six tenets of transformative learning.

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE TRANSFORMED WITH:

- Discipline Knowledge
- Global and Cultural Competencies
- Health and Wellness
- Leadership
- Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities
- Service Learning and Civic Engagement

Students are transformed through the Central Six tenets of Transformative Learning. Their progress is tracked through the Student Transformative Learning Record that shows potential employers how students have developed beyond-disciplinary skills while at Central.
For additional assistance, contact the Office of Intuitional Effectiveness at 405.974.3514.