

Library Mission Statement

The mission of the University Library is to provide users with information and access to information in support of scholarly activity and research, teaching excellence, and curricular development. In response to this mission, the library searches for and identifies, acquires, prepares bibliographic records, processes, and makes accessible information in all available formats. The staff of the University Library also provides consultation and advisory services to groups and individuals, participates in classroom instruction, teaches formal classes in the nature and use of information materials, and participates in professional activities that will enhance the mission of the University at the regional, national and international levels.

UWSP Mission Statement and Values

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Through the discovery and dissemination of knowledge, UWSP stimulates intellectual growth, provides a liberal education, and prepares students for a diverse and sustainable world.

Values

- Student-centered environment
- Critical thinking, creativity, and lifelong learning
- Professional preparation
- Community involvement and outreach
- Ecological stewardship

University of Wisconsin System Mission

UW-Stevens Point shares in the mission of the University of Wisconsin System.

The mission of this system is to develop human resources, to discover and disseminate knowledge, to extend knowledge and its application beyond the boundaries of its campuses, and to serve and stimulate society by developing in students heightened intellectual, cultural, and humane sensitivities; scientific, professional, and technological expertise; and a sense of purpose. Inherent in this broad mission are methods of instruction, research, extended education, and public service designed to educate people and improve the human condition. Basic to every purpose of the system is the search for truth.

As an institution in the University Cluster of the University of Wisconsin System, UW-Stevens Point shares the following core mission with other universities of the cluster. Each university in the cluster shall:

- Offer associate and baccalaureate degree level and selected graduate programs within the context of its approved mission statement.

- Offer an environment that emphasizes teaching excellence and meets the educational and personal needs of students through effective teaching, academic advising, counseling, and through university-sponsored cultural, recreational, and extracurricular programs.

- Offer a core of liberal studies that supports university degrees in the arts, letters, and sciences, as well as specialized professional/technical degrees at the associate and baccalaureate level.

- Offer a program of pre-professional curricular offerings consistent with the university's mission.

Expect scholarly activity, including research, scholarship, and creative endeavor, that supports its programs at the associate and baccalaureate degree level, its selected graduate programs, and its approved mission statement.

Promote the integration of the extension function, assist the University of Wisconsin-Extension in meeting its responsibility for statewide coordination, and encourage faculty and staff participation in outreach activity.

Participate in interinstitutional relationships in order to maximize educational opportunity for the people of the state effectively and efficiently through the sharing of resources.

Serve the needs of women, minority, disadvantaged, disabled, and nontraditional students and seek racial and ethnic diversification of the student body and the professional faculty and staff.

Support activities designed to promote the economic development of the state.

The select goals and responsibilities of UW-Stevens Point are to:

- Provide a broad foundation of liberal studies and selected degree programs in the fine arts, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences, imparting the heritage of human civilization, critical intelligence, and the skills necessary for a lifetime of learning and upon which education in the professional fields may be built.
- Provide undergraduate professional programs in communicative disorders, teacher education, home economics*, the visual and performing arts, paper science, and natural resources with emphasis on the management of resources.
- Provide graduate programs in teacher education, communicative disorders, natural resources, home economics*, communication and other select areas clearly associated with this university's undergraduate emphases and strengths.
- Provide programs in wellness and health promotion.
- Provide quality undergraduate and graduate instruction through innovative methods using print and non-print library resources, computing, communication technology, and direct student assistance.
- Expect scholarly activity, including research, scholarship and creative endeavor, that supports its programs at the associate and baccalaureate degree level, its selected graduate programs, and its special mission.
- Cooperate with UW-Extension in the development and coordination of statewide outreach programming, integration of the extension function into the institution, and appropriate and adequate recognition of those involved in outreach activities.

*The former home economics programs are now offered as child and family studies, dietetics, early childhood education, family and consumer education, human development, nutrition and interior architecture.