

## **Troy University Descriptive Statement:**

Founded by the Alabama Legislature in 1887, Troy University (TROY) is a public institution comprised of a network of campuses throughout Alabama and worldwide. TROY serves students in southeast Alabama through its vibrant residential campus in Troy, Alabama, and through campuses that primarily provide academic programs on evenings and weekends to adult students in Dothan, Montgomery, and Phenix City, Alabama. Over half of TROY students take courses online through the University's eTROY operation. In 1961, the institution responded to a request from the Department of Defense to provide college programs on military bases, leading to the University's presence on or near military bases domestically and around the world. TROY's support for military students has since provided an impetus for leadership in distance education. The University provides a seamless blend of distance education and classroom delivery that enables a student to move around the globe and continue his or her work on an academic degree.

TROY's mission considers the institution's broad geographic reach in face-to-face, online, and blended formats to a diverse student population. TROY also strongly supports the State of Alabama's economic development strategies through a growing emphasis on international programs that enable students in Alabama to study with students from around the world on the Alabama campuses and that engages students in other countries in TROY's academic programs. As the host of Alabama's only statewide Confucius Institute and collaborative partner of higher education institutions in several countries, TROY is Alabama's international university.

The geographic proximity of these Alabama campuses enables an enriching environment for fellowship among faculty, staff, and administration, allowing us to create and sustain One Great University. The campus in Troy, Alabama, is within approximately 50 miles of the Dothan and Montgomery Campuses and within approximately 70 miles of the Phenix City Campus. All TROY Alabama campuses are within 100 miles of one another, with primarily rural farming land between them.

With a fall 2014 student enrollment of 19,579, the student body is 38% male and 62% female. The fall 2014 student body ethnicity/race composition is 2.5% Asian, 35% African-American, 3.5% Hispanic, 47.5% white, 4% nonresident alien, 2.5% two or more races, 4% unknown, and less than 1% each Indian and Hawaiian Pacific. TROY's admission policies are considered selective based on GPA and standardized test scores. A general college preparatory program with diploma is required for undergraduate admission and GED is accepted. Troy University degrees currently offered and the majors or concentrations within those degrees, as well as all non-degree certificate offerings are provided in the University's Academic Catalogs, which are publicly available online at [www.troy.edu/catalogs](http://www.troy.edu/catalogs).

Troy University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, education specialist and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Troy University.

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