

THIS IS SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

Southern Adventist University is a co-educational institution established by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, offering master's, baccalaureate, and associate degrees, and one-year certificates.

The Mission

Southern Adventist University as a learning community nurtures Christ-likeness and encourages the pursuit of truth, wholeness, and a life of service.

Vision

Southern Adventist University, responsive to its diverse constituencies, will provide high quality educational benefit, lead in the integration of faith and learning, and model academic and professional excellence. The institution will graduate servant leaders guided by faith and integrity, and committed to living balanced lives.

Core Values

- A Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist campus
- Academic and professional excellence
- Hospitality and service
- Affordable education
- Balanced lifestyle

Educational Philosophy

Rooted in its theological understanding of God and humanity, the educational philosophy of the Seventh-day Adventist church is summarized as follows:

- God, the creator and Sustainer of the universe, is the Source of all knowledge.
- Created in the image of God for the purpose of communion with Him, humanity has sinned and has separated from Him.
- Through infinite love, God sent His Son to restore this relationship with us—a personal relationship that begins now and continues throughout eternity.

Within the context of this theological understanding, education is viewed as an essential element of redemption, and must focus on developing the whole person. Through harmonious development of the physical, mental, spiritual, and social dimensions, the individual becomes better equipped to bring wholeness to a broken world.

Institutional Goals

- **Southern Adventist University will**
 - ***Learning Community***
nurture campus learning communities that engage students with ideas that mark educated persons, global and multicultural perspectives, and advanced technology to develop both ethical principles and intellectual flexibility.
 - ***Faculty and Staff***
hire and develop a competent and diverse faculty and staff who model balanced ethical lives, integrate faith and learning, demonstrate scholarship through

teaching, research, and other scholarly and creative activities, and celebrate and energize the student spirit as they respect and support the different ways students develop their minds, their persons, and their citizenship.

- ***Students***
recruit, retain, and support a capable, diverse student body.
- ***Campus Environment***
provide a safe, nurturing learning community of faith for students, faculty, and staff.
- ***Student Service***
enable every student to participate in local service and/or mission service activities.
- ***Partnerships***
pursue and nurture partnerships with alumni, church, community, business and industry, civic organizations, and government in order to analyze, project, and respond to changing needs to help ensure that graduates are prepared for a life of service.
- ***Stewardship***
steward resources entrusted to the university through effective fiscal management to fulfill its mission, vision, and goals.

Student Learning Goals

Students of Southern Adventist University will

- ***Spiritual***
grow in a vibrant relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, while integrating into their lives Bible-based beliefs and values as understood by the Seventh-day Adventist church.
- ***Intellectual***
develop a commitment to life-long-learning and demonstrate a mastery of the cognitive skills of critical reasoning, independent thinking, reflective judgment, communication, and creativity needed to confront the issues, ideas, and values of historical and contemporary civilization.
- ***Occupational***
exhibit excellence and moral leadership in their chosen field of study and/or profession.
- ***Social***
develop socio-emotional maturity that will enable them to be effective leaders and contributing members of their churches, families, groups, and communities in a global society.
- ***Physical***
take responsibility for their own well-being through a health-promoting lifestyle.