Avila's Mission and Values

Our Mission

Avila University, a Catholic University sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is a values-based community of learning providing liberal arts, professional, undergraduate and graduate education to prepare students for responsible lifelong contributions to the global community.

Community Values

- Excellence in teaching and learning
- The Catholic identity of the University
- The sponsorship and contribution of the Sisters of St. Joseph
- The worth, dignity, and potential of each human being
- Diversity and its expression
- Commitment to the continual growth of the whole person
- Interaction with and service to others

Purposes of Avila University

Pursue academic excellence by providing an educational experience rooted in the Catholic tradition and in the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph, both of which emphasize collaboration, examination of social justice issues, responsiveness to needs of others, and respect for the worth and dignity of each individual.

Offer liberal arts and professional undergraduate and graduate programs grounded in scholarship with well defined educational outcomes which emphasize communication and thinking skills, knowledge, and personal, social and spiritual development of each student.

Strive for excellence through responsiveness to on-going assessment, evaluation, and self-reflection.

Promote student learning by emphasizing teaching-learning strategies which actively engage the student in the learning process.

Foster development of the whole person for life-long learning and service to the global community through curricular and co-curricular programs.

Serve a community of learners with diverse backgrounds and needs by providing a variety of educational formats.

Address the broader educational needs of the greater Kansas City area by exploring, initiating, and supporting partnerships within the community.