

DRAFT: St. Edward's Mission Statement for Global Learning

Mission

The Mission of St. Edward's University and a Holy Cross education include significant global elements. As a result of a focus on global learning, St. Edward's University graduates will be distinctive for their understanding of the world and its cultures and for being prepared to make significant contributions in an increasingly global world. Our mission promises to teach the skills necessary for our students to be independent and productive in an increasingly interconnected world. We will encourage students to confront the critical issues of society and to seek justice and peace. Our students will better understand themselves, clarify their personal values and recognize their obligation to the world community. St. Edward's commitment to global education is rooted in the international perspective of the Order of Holy Cross and its inclusion of students of varied cultural, social, religious, educational and economic backgrounds. Also it is connected to our broader Catholic identity that respects the dignity of the human person as created in the image of God and emphasizes our responsibility to pursue a more just world.

Definition

Global learning at St. Edward's is defined as an interdisciplinary effort to prepare students to function in an increasingly complex, diverse and interconnected world. Skills identified here are taught across the curriculum and through co-curricular activities and experiences.

Global Learning Outcomes

Students will understand the historical development of different cultural, religious, social, political and economic systems and the patterns that connect and separate them over time.

They will develop skills that enable them to identify diverse perspectives, both in their own communities and around the world.

They will develop the communication skills (foreign languages, listening, oral and written) that empower them to communicate effectively in many different settings.

They will develop the analytical, scientific and quantitative skills to ask appropriate questions, access relevant information efficiently and consider a variety of solutions to global issues.

They will identify and evaluate important ethical and moral questions and work for social justice and sustainability.