

New

American

University

Toward 2026 and Beyond



ASU Charter

ASU is a comprehensive **public research university**, measured not by whom it excludes, but by **whom it includes** and how they **succeed**; advancing **research and discovery** of public value; and assuming **fundamental responsibility** for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the **communities** it serves.

Arizona State University (ASU) has become the foundational model for the **New American University**, a new paradigm for the public research university that transforms higher education. ASU is committed to **excellence, access and impact** in everything that it does.

No. 1 university for innovation (ahead of Stanford and MIT)
— **U.S. News & World Report (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)**

Top 1% of the world's most prestigious universities
— **Times Higher Education**

A top producer of Fulbright U.S. students
— **The Institute for International Education**

A top “Best College Value” in public higher education
— **Kiplinger Personal Finance**

Top public university of choice for international students
— **The Institute for International Education**

Mission & Goals



Demonstrate **leadership** in academic excellence and accessibility

- Maintain the fundamental principle of accessibility to all students qualified to study at a research university.
- Maintain university accessibility to match Arizona's socioeconomic diversity, with undifferentiated outcomes for success.
- Improve first-year persistence to **greater than 90%**.
- Enhance university graduation rate to **greater than 85%** and more than 32,000 graduates.
- Enhance quality while reducing the cost of a degree.
- Enroll **125,000** online and distance-education degree-seeking students.
- Enhance measured student development and individual student learning to national leadership levels.
- Engage all learners on all levels.



Establish **national standing** in academic quality and impact of colleges and schools in every field

- Attain national standing in academic quality for each college and school (top 5%).
- Attain national standing in the learning value added to our graduates in each college and school.
- Become the leading university academically (faculty, discovery, research, creativity) in at least one department or school within each college and school.



Establish **ASU** as a leading global center for interdisciplinary research, discovery and development by 2026

- Become the leading American center for discovery and scholarship in the integrated social sciences and comprehensive arts and sciences.
- Enhance research competitiveness to more than **\$1 billion** in annual research expenditures.
- Transform regional economic competitiveness through research and discovery and value-added programs.
- Become a leading American center for innovation and entrepreneurship at all levels.



Enhance our **local impact** and social embeddedness

- Strengthen Arizona's interactive network of teaching, learning and discovery resources to reflect the scope of ASU's comprehensive knowledge enterprise.
- Co-develop solutions to the critical social, technical, cultural and environmental issues facing 21st-century Arizona.
- Meet the needs of 21st-century learners through the Universal Learner® initiative by increasing individual success through personalized learning pathways and promoting adaptability to all accelerated social-technical changes.

Eight **design aspirations** guide ASU's ongoing evolution as a **New American University**. ASU integrates these institutional objectives in innovative ways to demonstrate excellence, access and impact.

Leverage Our Place

ASU embraces its cultural, socioeconomic and physical setting.

Transform Society

ASU catalyzes social change by being connected to social needs.

Value Entrepreneurship

ASU uses its knowledge and encourages innovation.

Conduct Use-Inspired Research

ASU research has purpose and impact.

Enable Student Success

ASU is committed to the success of each unique student.

Fuse Intellectual Disciplines

ASU creates knowledge by transcending academic disciplines.

Be Socially Embedded

ASU connects with communities through mutually beneficial partnerships.

Engage Globally

ASU engages with people and issues locally, nationally and internationally.

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