Strategic directions and goals
The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will pursue four strategic directions to fulfill its vision, mission and guiding principles.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION: INCREASE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY
The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will provide more people from different backgrounds with the opportunity to experience the benefits of higher education.

Goal 1 Expand post-secondary participation
Goal 2 Increase the participation of under-served students
Goal 3 Make learning environments inviting and safe
Goal 4 Increase support for higher education
Goal 5 Maintain affordability
Goal 6 Establish partnerships with elementary and secondary educators to prepare students and teachers

STRATEGIC DIRECTION: EXPAND HIGH-QUALITY LEARNING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will provide students with a full range of high-quality learning programs and services that respond to student needs and document student achievement.

Goal 7 Develop lifelong learners and engaged citizens
Goal 8 Provide up-to-date education and training for work and careers
Goal 9 Expand graduate education
Goal 10 Offer electronic learning options
Goal 11 Meet the full range of student learning needs

STRATEGIC DIRECTION: STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC VITALITY
The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will work in new and collaborative ways to maintain and build vital communities and economies at the local, regional and state levels.

Goal 12 Contribute to vital communities
Goal 13 Support state and local economic development initiatives
Goal 14 Establish state and regional collaborations
Goal 15 Work collaboratively with other higher education providers

STRATEGIC DIRECTION: FULLY INTEGRATE THE SYSTEM
The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will become a more fully coordinated and integrated system of distinct higher education institutions that provide high-quality education.

Goal 16 Recruit and invest in excellent faculty, staff and administrators
Goal 17 Develop integrated plans
Goal 18 Serve as good stewards of capital assets
Goal 19 Improve transfer processes
Goal 20 Align the system’s technology infrastructure
Goal 21 Strengthen financial systems and processes

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities holds three principles above all others in everything that the system strives to accomplish:

Student focus
The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will focus on helping students achieve their personal, learning and career goals.

Community success
The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will educate people committed to building and maintaining the vital civic and economic institutions that contribute to thriving communities.

Stewardship
The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will continuously earn the public’s trust by efficiently and effectively managing the system’s human, fiscal and facilities resources.