SU’s Core Values

Excellence: Excellence, the standard against which all University activities and outcomes are measured, connotes the perfection and the quality for which we strive and hold ourselves accountable. We accept the notion that the quality of a university depends on the heads and hearts of those in it.

Student Centeredness: Our students are the primary reason for our existence. Our focus is on their academic and individual success and on their health and well-being. We are committed to helping students learn to make reasoned decisions and to be accountable for the outcomes of the decisions they have made.

Learning: We believe that learning is fundamental to living a life with purpose in an increasingly interconnected world and that our role is to teach students not what to think, but how to think. The University introduces students to a system of ideas about the nature of humanity, the universe, and the world created by art and thought. Learning is not just about knowledge, but how to think. The University introduces students to a system of ideas about the nature of humanity, the universe, and the world created by art and thought.

Community: Salisbury University takes pride in being a caring and civil place where individuals accept their obligations to the group, learn through their interactions and relationships with others, where governance is shared, and where the focus is on the common good. We honor the heritage and traditions of the institution which serve as a foundation for future change.

Civic Engagement: The University stands as a part of, rather than apart from, the local and regional community. Recognizing its history and traditions, we seek to improve the quality of life for citizens in the region. We believe it is our responsibility to enrich cultural life, enhance the conduct of public affairs and contribute to the advancement of the region. We seek to instill in our students a lifelong commitment to civic engagement.

Diversity: Salisbury University views itself as a just community where there is respect for the value of global, societal and individual differences and commitment to equal opportunity. Diversity is purposefully cultivated as a way to strengthen and enhance our University community.