UNLV’s Top Tier Vision

By 2025, UNLV will be recognized as a top tier public university in research, education, and community impact.

UNLV’s Top Tier Mission

UNLV’s diverse faculty, students, staff, and alumni promote community well-being and individual achievement through education, research, scholarship, creative activities, and clinical services. We stimulate economic development and diversification, foster a climate of innovation, promote health, and enrich the cultural vitality of the communities that we serve.

We will evaluate our success as a leading research university by our progress on these key measures:

- Impact of our research, scholarship, and creative activities.
- Student achievement of learning outcomes.
- Placement into preferred employment or post-graduate educational opportunities.
- Student, faculty, and staff diversity, including maintaining UNLV’s Minority Serving Institution (MSI) status and Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) status.
- Intellectual activity, patents, and entrepreneurial activity fostered by UNLV.
- Quality and impact of our clinical services.
- Alignment of our physical infrastructure and organizational effectiveness with our Top Tier mission.
- A deeper engagement of UNLV with Las Vegas and our region to ensure ongoing alignment with our diverse community’s needs and interests.
- Carnegie Classification criteria (research expenditures; doctoral degrees granted per year; number of non-faculty research staff, such as postdocs; and Carnegie Community Engagement status).

As a measure of overall university effectiveness and progress, UNLV will prepare, implement, and disseminate a progress card.

Top Tier Goals

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Goal:
UNLV will foster a climate of innovation in which faculty and students produce high-quality, widely disseminated, and influential research, scholarship, and creative activities.

Student Achievement Goal:
UNLV will be a national leader in education and will promote excellence in teaching undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students. We will recruit, retain, and graduate a diverse body of motivated students through the strength of our innovative learning experiences,
access to mentoring and research opportunities, and our vibrant campus community. Our highly qualified master’s students, doctoral students, and professional students will distinguish themselves and UNLV through their contributions to research, the professions, and the arts.

**Academic Health Center Goal:**
UNLV’s School of Medicine, in collaboration with other health-related units on campus and with external partners, will foster cutting-edge research, use a creative curriculum, and provide top-notch clinical programs.

**Community Partnerships Goal:**
UNLV will stimulate economic development and diversification in, and enrich the cultural vitality of, our community by deepening and expanding reciprocal connections with our partners and leveraging our unique strengths to collaborate locally, nationally, and internationally.

**Infrastructure and Shared Governance Goal:**
To accomplish the other four goals, UNLV will continually develop and leverage the conditions necessary for success, which will include an effective organizational structure, a state-of-the-art infrastructure, a service-oriented culture, meaningful faculty engagement in shared governance, and the capacity for informed decision-making and informed risk-taking.