

HOWARD PAYNE UNIVERSITY

Background and Mission Statement

WELCOME! By joining the Howard Payne family, you are joining a university that has an incredible history of Christian service since 1889. The charter of Howard Payne University contains the following statement: “The purpose of said corporation is the encouragement, support, maintenance, and promotion of education under Christian influence and auspices, with the view to the development of the best type of character, and to the advancement of the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the extension of the Kingdom of God among men.”

Recently, Howard Payne has been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a top Comprehensive Bachelor's Degree granting university in the Western Region of the United States. Specifically, you are now part of a university recognized as a "Best Value", for its small class sizes, our ethnic and economic diversity, and for having high graduation rates.

Howard Payne's schools and departments are committed to educating students and developing personal relationships that help prepare those same students for lives of service after graduation. You are now in a position to help Howard Payne fulfill its mission and make a difference in the world!

Mission Statement

Howard Payne University is a Christ-centered academic community dedicated to excellence by developing and equipping the whole person for intellectual inquiry, personal and professional integrity, and service to God and humanity.

Student Body

Howard Payne University strives to have a diverse student body. While the university recruits primarily in Texas and the Southwest, the student body is comprised of men and women from many states and from other countries. Seeking to be an advocate of human equality, the university welcomes students from a wide range of socioeconomic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds, including both traditional and nontraditional students with varying academic interests and abilities.

Faculty

In its pursuit of excellence in academic endeavors, Howard Payne University employs as its faculty individuals who exemplify a commitment to Christian ideals and who are dedicated to the search for and dissemination of truth. Howard Payne University seeks gifted teachers from throughout the United States and the world who are dedicated to teaching, advising students in a professional context, serving the communities of the university and its locale, and continuing to grow in their profession as scholars and teachers.

Curriculum

Howard Payne University offers the undergraduate a liberal arts and sciences core of academic foundations, along with specializations in a number of professional and pre-professional areas. In order to serve students having a wide range of academic abilities, the curriculum includes honors courses for the academically talented, special courses for provisional students, and entry-level ministerial preparation.

Recognizing its responsibility to the larger community, Howard Payne University endeavors to provide a variety of programs of continuing education, cultural enrichment, and entertainment. Because many adults who would benefit from further education are unable to leave their communities to attend classes on campus, Howard Payne University seeks to meet their needs by scheduling limited academic work off campus.

In summary, the mission of the dedicated faculty, staff, and administration of Howard Payne University is to provide quality academic preparation within a Christian context for a diverse student body that is preparing for careers of leadership and service throughout the world.

We are very glad you have chosen to be part of the Howard Payne family and help us fulfill our mission as a Christian university!