

## *Mission Summary*

*Morgan State University*  
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The University is designated by legislative statute as Maryland's Public Urban University. As such, it gives priority to addressing the needs of the population of metropolitan Baltimore within the context of its statewide responsibilities for academic instruction, research, and service. Morgan also is one of the Nation's premier historically black institutions of higher education. It is one of a select group of HBCUs offering a comprehensive range of undergraduate programs, awarding masters and doctoral degrees in a significant number of disciplines, and having significant programs of research and public service.

These characteristics as well as its tradition of serving an academically and demographically diverse student body place it in a unique position among Maryland institutions to serve the increasingly heterogeneous population of the state and the special needs of Baltimore City. While committed to educating a culturally diverse and multi-racial population, the University also makes an important contribution to increasing the educational attainment of Maryland's rapidly-growing African-American population in fields and at degree levels where it is under-represented.

Teaching is central to the University's mission. As a comprehensive university, it recognizes the close inter-relationship between quality teaching, research, and public service. It also gives priority to research in fields in which it offers graduate programs that promote the educational process, and that increase the knowledge base necessary to improve the quality of life of residents of the Baltimore Metropolitan area and of the state. The University places particular emphasis on integrating appropriate resources from its graduate, research, and service programs into its undergraduate curriculum in order to enhance student educational experiences and to motivate students to pursue advanced study. The campus is committed to utilizing its resources through programs of service to enrich the educational, economic, social and cultural life of the Baltimore Metropolitan Area and the State of Maryland.

Morgan offers a comprehensive range of academic programs at the bachelor's level in the arts and humanities. It places particular emphasis on programs in business, education, engineering, and the sciences. The University meets the Carnegie criteria for Doctoral/Research-Intensive institutions. Morgan is committed to offering graduate programs in fields that undergird and reinforce its undergraduate offerings, that provide for the continuing education of the population of the region, and/or in which minorities are substantially under-represented.