

THE COLLEGE'S MISSION

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The College of the Virgin Islands is an accredited land-grant institution which has been established by the people of the Virgin Islands through the government to meet the needs for higher education in the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean. It seeks to be of service to this area in much the same capacity as state colleges and universities serve their states and regions on the mainland.

Instruction at the College is enhanced by its unique setting in the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean. While founded on the established traditions of American higher education, the College seeks to accommodate these traditions to the location and cultural background which characterize the Virgin Islands and other islands of the Caribbean.

The College offers a wide range of baccalaureate degree programs in the arts and sciences, business administration, teacher education, and other professional fields. It also offers programs at the associate degree level, designed to prepare students for occupations in which there are critical personnel needs. In addition, the College offers the master's degree in selected academic areas. Also emphasized are programs of continuing education, locally relevant research, community-oriented services and assistance to elementary and secondary education.

As a land-grant institution, the College operates the Virgin Islands Agricultural Experiment Station which seeks solutions to local and regional problems through basic and applied research. Its findings are disseminated throughout the Virgin Islands by the Cooperative Extension Service which brings new methods of agriculture, home economics, youth development, economic development and energy conservation directly to local residents.

In order to be responsive to those it serves, College programs in all areas of service are subject to change in accordance with Board of Trustees' policies and accreditation requirements.

Through its activities in instruction, research and public service, the College of the Virgin Islands occupies a position of leadership in encouraging individual and social betterment throughout the Caribbean.

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