

INTRODUCTION

Troy State University

Institutional Self-Study Report 2002

History of the University

Not unlike many modern comprehensive institutions of American higher education, the Troy State University System traces its origins to the establishment of a Normal School. Enabled by an act of the Alabama legislature in February, 1887, Troy Normal School, or teachers college, as it became familiarly known, opened the doors to its first class in September 1887, utilizing an unfinished building located in the downtown area of Troy, Alabama.

Troy Normal quickly outgrew the city block designated for its original campus. Armed with Latin, Greek, and sound fundamental knowledge grounded in the liberal arts, graduates quickly established a reputation for excellence as they filled a dire need for capable teachers in the predominately agrarian region which Troy Normal served.

Very much unlike other normal schools, Troy Normal developed a reputation for innovation and for its efforts to enhance and advance the profession of teaching. However, many of these innovations were met with skepticism and distrust by not only other normal schools but also members of the Legislature. Nonetheless, the faculty persisted in the mission of making teacher training both professional and accessible. Consequently, by 1891, Troy was the only normal institution in Alabama which had a summer school, had the right to grant degrees, and offered extension work for practicing teachers.

Continuing its steady course of growth, and desiring to expand its area of influence in harmony with its mission of innovation and accessibility, the Institution became Troy State Teachers College in 1929. In September, 1930, the Institution relocated to its current location, a 577-acre tract of rolling hills, streams, and pecan and magnolia groves. The original design of the campus was completed by the famed Olmsted Brothers (Rick and John), sons of the landscape architect Fredrick Law Olmsted, the patriarch of the Brookline, Massachusetts, firm associated with the original design of New York's Central Park and the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina. As a result of further curriculum development and the expansion of its service area, the Alabama legislature renamed the teachers college in 1957 Troy State College and a decade later Troy State University. Throughout its storied history, this Institution has characterized itself by innovative service and accessibility, always undergirded by a strong liberal arts core curriculum complemented by the commitment to excellence and the welfare of the individual student.

Today, Troy State University prepares students in a variety of fields in the arts and sciences, fine arts, business, communication, applied science, nursing, and allied health sciences. Moreover, the University's mission retains its allegiance to its legacy as a trainer of teachers. The distinguished journalist and nationally syndicated columnist, M. Stanton Evans, from his

perspective as a distinguished visiting lecturer, appropriately characterized Troy State University as a "one-time state teachers college, now a globe-girdling university located on a picturesque and tranquil campus in Southeastern Alabama."

The Troy State University System

True to its heritage of innovation and accessibility, Troy State University was among the first to offer educational opportunities to members of the nation's armed services. As early as 1951, courses were offered at Fort Rucker, Alabama. From this modest beginning, a branch campus emerged, and continuing to grow in quality and popularity, it is today Troy State University Dothan, which attained independent accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1985. Similarly, classes were offered at the invitation of the U.S. Air Force at Maxwell and Gunter Air Force Bases as early as 1965 – a venture which today is recognized as Troy State University Montgomery, independently accredited by the Commission on Colleges in 1983.

The remaining sites operate under the accreditation umbrella of the main campus in Troy, Alabama. Predominantly traditional and residential, the Troy campus takes pride in its small college atmosphere with most of the extra-curricular amenities popularly associated only with much larger universities.

Students of TSU

In the fall of 2001, the Troy campus enrolled 5,466 students in the associate, bachelor's master's and education specialist degrees. Of these students, 4,161 or 76% were undergraduates, 1,305 or 24% were graduate students, 3,876 or 71% were full-time students, 1,590 or 29% were part-time students, 1,527 or 28% were residential students, 3,939 or 72% resided off campus or commuted, 2,416 or 44% were males, 3,050 or 56% were females, 2,951 or 54% were Alabamians, 2,175 or 40% were out-of-state students, and 340 or 6% were international students representing 55 foreign countries.

Troy State University enrolled 25% of its students in the Sorrell College of Business, 24% in the College of Education, 19% in the College of Arts and Sciences, 14% in the College of Health and Human Services, 5% in the College of Communication and Fine Arts, and 13% were unclassified (undecided or no major identified). The average composite ACT for enrolled freshmen the fall of 2001 was 20.9.

Academic Programs

Troy State University awards the associate, bachelor's, master's, and education specialist degrees in a variety of subjects in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication and Fine Arts, Education, and Health and Human Services. The University offers five associate degree programs, 52 baccalaureate degree programs, 29 master's degree programs, and three education specialist programs. The following **Table I-A** provides a listing of the programs offered by Troy State University and their locations: column PC (Phenix City), UC/A (University College Atlantic Region), UC/FW (University College Florida/Western Region), UC/P (University College

Pacific Region), UC/SE (University College Southeast Region), and UC/DLC (University College Distance Learning Center).

Table I-A
TSU Academic Programs and Locations (Summer 2002)

Degree Programs	Troy	PC	UC/A	UC/FW	UC/P	UC/SE	UC/DLC
Associate Degrees:							
AS/AA Social Science				✓			
AS General Education				✓		✓	
AS/AA Business Admin.				✓			
AS Information Systems						✓	
AS in Nursing	✓						
Baccalaureate Degrees:							
College of Arts & Sciences:							
BS/BA Biology (& Bio. Program)	✓						
BS/BA Chemistry (& Chemistry Program)	✓						
BS/BA Computer Science	✓			✓			
BS/BA Criminal Justice	✓			✓		✓	
BS/BA English	✓						
BS/BA Environmental Science	✓						
BS/BA Geomatics	✓						
BS/BA History	✓						
BS/BA Marine Biology	✓						
BS/BA Mathematics	✓						
BS/BA Political Science	✓						
BS/BA Social Sciences	✓			✓		✓	
Sorrell College of Business:							
BSBA/BABA Gen. Business	✓	✓					
BSBA/BABA Accounting	✓	✓		✓			
BSBA/BABA Finance	✓						
BSBA/BABA Information Systems	✓	✓				✓	
BSBA/BABA Management	✓	✓		✓		✓	
BSBA/BABA Marketing	✓						
BSBA/BABA Risk Management. & Insurance	✓						
BAS in Resources Management	✓			✓		✓	
BSBA Human Resource Man.		✓					
College of Com. & Fine Arts:							
BS/BA in Art (& Art Program)	✓						
BS/BA Broadcast Journalism	✓						
BS/BA Journalism (Print)	✓						

Degree Programs	Troy	PC	UC/A	UC/FW	UC/P	UC/SE	UC/DLC
BS/BA Communication Arts	✓						
College of Education:							
BS/BA Art Education	✓						
BS/BA Biology Education	✓						
BS/BA Chemistry Education	✓						
BS/BA Comp. Gen. Science Edu.	✓						
BS/BA Comp. Health & Phys. Ed.	✓						
BS/BA Comp. Mathematics Edu.	✓						
BS/BA Comp. Soc. Science Edu.	✓						
BS/BA Eng./Language Arts Edu.	✓						
BS/BA French Education	✓						
BS/BA Health Education	✓						
BS/BA History Education	✓						
BS/BA K-6 Collaborative Teacher Education	✓	✓					
BS/BA K-6 Elementary Education	✓	✓					
BS/BA Latin Education	✓						
BS/BA Mathematics Education	✓						
BS/BA Physical Education	✓						
BS/BA Physics Education	✓						
BS/BA Spanish Education	✓						
BME Instrumental Music	✓						
BME Vocal/Choral Music	✓						
BS/BA Psychology (& Psychology. Comprehensive)	✓	✓		✓			
Health & Human Services:							
BS in Athletic Training	✓						
BS/BA Rehabilitation	✓						
BS/BA Social Work	✓						
BS/BA Sport & Fitness Man.	✓						
BS in Nursing	✓	✓					
BS/BA Human Services	✓	✓					
Graduate Degrees							
College of Arts & Sciences:							
Master of Public Administration	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MS in Criminal Justice	✓			✓			✓
MS in Environmental Analysis & Management	✓						
MS in International Relations	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Sorrell College of Business:							
Executive MBA	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓

Degree Programs	Troy	PC	UC/A	UC/FW	UC/P	UC/SE	UC/DLC
Master of Business Admin. (MBA)	✓	✓	✓				✓
MS in Human Resource Management		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
MS in Management	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
College of Com. & Fine Arts:							
MS in Conducting	✓						
College of Education:							
Master of Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MS in Collaborative Teacher Education (K-6)	✓	✓					
MS & Ed. S. Elementary Education (K-6)	✓	✓					
MS Secondary Education (History, Biology, English/Language Arts, General Science, Health Education, Physical Education, Social Science, Mathematics)	✓						
MS & Ed.S. School Counseling	✓	✓					
MS P-12 Education (Physical Education, Vocal/Choral Music, Instrumental Music)	✓						
MS Counseling & Psychology (Community Psychology, Counseling Psychology, and Rehabilitation Counseling)	✓	✓		✓			
MS & Ed.S. Educational Leadership		✓		✓			
Health & Human Services:							
MS in Nursing	✓	✓					
MS in Sport & Fitness Management	✓						

Troy State University – Phenix City

Troy State University Phenix City provides undergraduate programs in selected areas only at the upper-division level; the bulk of offerings at this location is graduate work leading to the master's and education specialist degrees. During the Fall Semester 2001, Phenix City enrolled a combined undergraduate/graduate total of 1,311 students. A more comprehensive analysis of degree offerings and student characteristics (mainly adult, non-traditional learners) is included in the *Phenix City Self-Study Report*.

University College

University College is the official designation for all locations and sites located outside the State of Alabama as well as the Distance Learning Center. University College serves military personnel and other non-traditional students at 52 sites located in 14 states and 5 countries. For administrative purposes, University College is structured in the following manner: (1) Troy State University Atlantic Region headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia, provides graduate programs for students at sites in Maryland and Virginia; (2) Troy State University Florida/Western Region headquartered in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida provides undergraduate and graduate programs in Arizona, Colorado, Cuba, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Montana; (3) Troy State University Pacific Region headquartered in Kadena, Japan, provides graduate programs in Guam, Hawaii, Japan, and Korea; and (4) Troy State University Southeast Region headquartered in Ft. Benning, Georgia, provides undergraduate and graduate programs in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. In addition, University College administers the Distance Learning Center and international programs in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

However, academic and fiscal control as well as System authority are vested in the main campus at Troy. The comprehensive organization and administration of the Troy State University System is detailed below.

Organization and Administration of the Troy State University System

The Chief Executive Officer of the entire Troy State University System is the Chancellor, who also serves as the CEO of Troy State University. The Chancellor chairs the System Executive Committee which includes the Vice Chancellor for Administration; the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs; the Vice Chancellor for Advancement and President of TSU Montgomery; the Interim President of TSU Dothan; the Provost; the Vice President for Student Affairs; the Vice President for Financial Affairs; the Vice President for Technology; the Vice President for Advancement; the Vice President for Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness; the Vice President of University College; the Vice President of Troy State University Phenix City; the Assistant to the Chancellor; and the Athletic Director. Within the academic division, there are five deans, one for each of the five colleges: Arts and Science, Business, Communication and Fine Arts, Education, and Health and Human Services. Each dean reports to the Provost. Within each College, departments are headed by chairs or schools are headed by directors. In addition to the five college deans, there are also Deans for the Library, International Programs, the Graduate School, and Enrollment Services. Collectively, these administrative offices are responsible for all programs and activities of the University.