

The Mission of the University

On July 1, 2021, Converse formally acknowledged its long-held university status with a name change to Converse University. Converse University encompasses the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, The School of Business and Data Science, The School of the Arts; and The Graduate School. And while Converse is co-educational across all programs, through the programming of the Converse College for Women, we reaffirm the founder's conviction that a small undergraduate residential liberal arts University is a uniquely powerful environment for developing women's talents.

Our Mission

Converse empowers students to become transformative leaders who see clearly, decide wisely, and act justly.

Our Vision

Converse advances a culture of belonging and collaboration that ignites creativity, innovation, and transformation.

Our Core Values

Converse prides itself on a culture of belonging and collaboration that ignites creativity, innovation, and transformation. Supporting our mission are seven core values that guide Converse's commitment to creativity and the development of wise leaders.

These enduring beliefs serve as the compass for Converse. They transcend time, extend across the institution, and guide our actions and decisions.

EXCELLENCE drives us to achieve the best in all that we pursue; to develop competence, confidence and courage to realize full potential in mind, body and spirit.

INTEGRITY calls us to cultivate and exercise honor, character and vision in daily decisions and actions; to act honestly and justly when confronted with ethical dilemmas and life's challenges.

EXPLORATION compels us to think critically and creatively in the acquisition of knowledge and skills; to discover and enrich scholarship and research, disciplines, methods and vocations through hands-on learning and leadership and through discovery, discourse and debate.

DIVERSITY inspires us to embrace the different perspectives, experiences, cultures, backgrounds, talents and contributions that comprise a global society; to enhance and expand inclusivity as we build a stronger multi-dimensional community.

RESPECT leads us to value self and others, recognizing the legitimacy of individuality in belief, expression and perspective; to exercise civility, mindfulness and responsibility in words and actions.

COMMUNITY motivates us to develop a dynamic network of relationships through a balance of work and play that nurtures the abilities of each member in order to establish a better whole; to mentor, collaborate and communicate as engaged citizens who effect positive change.

PROGRESS challenges us to think strategically toward the future by employing creativity, adaptability, ingenuity and innovation; to advance and transform the world around us.