UNLV’s Top Tier Vision
By 2025, UNLV will be recognized as a top tier public university in research, education, and community impact.

UNLV’s Top Tier Mission
UNLV’s diverse faculty, students, staff, and alumni promote community well-being and individual achievement through education, research, scholarship, creative activities, and clinical services. We stimulate economic development and diversification, foster a climate of innovation, promote health, and enrich the cultural vitality of the communities that we serve.

Mission Fulfillment
Success as a leading research university and achievement of mission fulfillment will be evaluated by progress in meeting the objectives and the metrics as defined in each Core Theme/Pathway Goal. An annual progress report has been, and will continue to be, disseminated to the campus, local community, Nevada System of Higher Education, and the state of Nevada. An acceptable level of mission fulfillment is to meet the annual goals set for each specific metric. If an annual goal is not met, additional efforts will be concentrated on that goal in order to meet the next annual goal.

Core Themes/Pathway Goals

Core Theme/Pathway Goal 1 – Student Achievement
UNLV recruits, retains, and graduates a diverse body of students through innovative learning experiences, access to mentoring and research opportunities, and the vibrant campus community.

Objective 1: Improve student outcomes

Objective 2: Increase undergraduate retention

Objective 3: Increase undergraduate graduation rate

Core Theme/Pathway Goal 2 - Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity
UNLV fosters a climate of innovation in which faculty and students produce high-quality, widely disseminated, and influential research, scholarship, and creative activities.

Objective 1: Increase research activity to benefit the local community, state, and nation

Objective 2: Increase scholarly activity to benefit the local community, state, and nation

Objective 3: Increase creative activity to benefit the local community, state, and nation
Core Theme/Pathway Goal 3 - Academic Health Center
The Academic Health Center (AHC) fosters a dynamic, humanistic environment that
1) promotes an innovative curricula that prepares a collaborative practice-ready workforce;
2) advances a synergistic pathway toward excellence in research and scholarship;
3) fosters collaborative, comprehensive person-centered clinical services; and
4) stimulates reciprocal community engagement that enhances the visibility and demonstrates the value
of the Academic Health Center.

Objective 1: Provide health care delivery and community service

Objective 2: Develop a practice-ready workforce

Core Theme/Pathway Goal 4 - Community Partnerships
UNLV stimulates economic development and diversification, foster a climate of innovation, and
enriches the cultural vitality of the communities that we serve.

Objective 1: Create community connections

Objective 2: Cultivate a climate of innovation

The university recognizes that the Top Tier Strategic Plan requires ongoing work and reflection. To that
end, UNLV leadership initiated both a broad and in-depth review in fall 2017 through summer 2018. In
addition to the core theme objectives and metrics, secondary objectives were developed along with
supporting key measures and indicators that demonstrate success in progress for completion of the Top
Tier plan. These measures provide a clear picture of year-to-year progress, supplement the core
themes/pathway goals and their metrics, and consist of both quantitative and qualitative measures and
can be found online at: https://www.unlv.edu/toptier/initiative.