EDUCATIONAL GOALS

In support of its vision and mission, PSU has a variety of goals that center on the students: their studies and relations with the community and its needs. In particular, the University aims to:

- provide students with a command of theoretical and practical knowledge in their chosen fields of professional specialization and advanced studies
- cultivate student awareness of the increasingly complex and globally competitive environment of the new century
- foster an environment conducive to critical thinking, sound ethics, and commitment to lifelong learning
- prepare students for positions of leadership in the workplace and in the community
- create a stimulating environment for academic research and community service

PSU expects to graduate individuals who will be confident, motivated, and articulate as they act upon reasoned decisions in their personal, civic, and professional lives. To achieve this, the University crafted curricular programs so that PSU students have:

- a broad knowledge-base of different disciplines in addition to their more specialized knowledge in their chosen areas
- a deep understanding of the complexities and interrelationships between humans and their environment
- a genuine understanding and realization of their own potentials, limitations, and mental as well as physical development
- skills and capabilities that can be applied to a variety of situations in a fast changing world

All PSU graduates should possess a general understanding of and appreciation for:

- science and technology
- humanities, society, culture, and the arts
- local and global interaction
- the interrelationships among these elements

To achieve the above goals, PSU students must thoroughly engage in and interact with programs designed to develop skills, capabilities and understanding in the following areas:

- communications
- problem solving
- science and technology
- humanity - at home and abroad
- values and ethics

UNDERGRADUATE FIELDS OF STUDY

At present, PSU offers fifteen "student-centered" degree programs that are carefully designed to cater to the needs of the citizens and residents of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as well as the entire Middle East region and to meet the employment demands of the business and government sectors, locally and globally. Housed in PSU’s four colleges, these programs are as follows:

17 Degree Programs

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION [CBA]

| ACCOUNTING | AVIATION MANAGEMENT |
| FINANCE    | MARKETING           |

COLLEGE OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES [CCIS]

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