

## PLU THEMES OF EXCELLENCE

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THEME ONE: A Challenging Academic Experience		
Objectives	Pathways of Achievement	Key Indicators for Pathways of Achievement
I. Thoughtful Inquiry Rooted in the Liberal Arts, the Sciences, and Professional Programs	A. General Education	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assessment of First Year Experience Program (FYEP) common assignments</li> <li>2. Assessment of undergraduate Capstone</li> <li>3. Extent to which General Education offerings cover Integrative Learning Objectives (ILO's)</li> </ol>
	B. Undergraduate Majors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of degree programs that demonstrate use of program level assessments for program improvement</li> </ol>
	C. Graduate Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of degree programs that demonstrate use of program level assessments for program improvement</li> </ol>
II. An Engaged and Purposeful Learning Environment	A. Student-Faculty Research and Creative Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participation of students and faculty in research and creative projects</li> </ol>
	B. Internships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participation in internships</li> </ol>
	C. Campus Globalization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Faculty participation and disciplinary representation in study away curricula</li> <li>2. Number and disciplines that have courses with a global focus</li> <li>3. Students studying away and international students studying at PLU</li> </ol>
	D. Mission-driven Learning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Infusion of Lutheran higher education values such as (a) vocation and (b) serving diverse populations</li> </ol>
III. Faculty Achievement in Teaching and Scholarship	A. Teaching	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Effective teaching practices</li> </ol>
	B. Scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of faculty scholarly and creative projects</li> </ol>

THEME TWO: A Culture of Leadership, Service, and Care		
Objectives	Pathways of Achievement	Key Indicators for Pathways of Achievement
I. Cultivating and Sustaining Leaders	A. Faculty Leadership Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On campus leadership opportunities</li> <li>2. Leadership positions in external professional organizations</li> </ol>
	B. Student Leadership Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Student assessment of Student Leadership Institute</li> </ol>
II. Community Stewardship, Service, and Care	A. Institutional and Programmatic	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assessment of a particular project, Parkland Education Initiative, facilitated through the Center for Community Engagement and Service</li> </ol>
	B. Faculty and Students	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of faculty participating in community engagement and outreach</li> <li>2. Percentage of graduating undergraduate students who enrolled in community engaged learning</li> </ol>

<b>THEME THREE: A Supportive Educational Environment</b>		
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Pathways of Achievement</b>	<b>Key Indicators for Pathways of Achievement</b>
I. A Connected Learning Environment	A. Academic Support Services	1. Percentage of new students who voluntarily participate in education about successful academic advising 2. Student assessment of support to help succeed academically 3. Number of discrete undergraduate student contacts with Career Connections office
	B. Complementary Facilities and Technology	1. Investment in laboratory and learning environments 2. Progress report of capital improvement plan
II. Service and Care for Students	A. Convenient Business Services	1. Student satisfaction with administrative offices and staff
	B. Healthy and Safe Campus Environment	1. Meeting students' primary care medical demands on campus 2. Student assessment of PLU's emphasis on overall wellbeing