



HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTION

What is an HSI?

Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) is a federal designation by the U.S. Department of Education that acknowledges colleges and universities with 25% or more total undergraduate Hispanic full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment.

Brief History

Cochise College was founded in September 1964. It's first campus is located outside of Douglas, Arizona only a few miles from the U.S.-Mexico international border. Today, Cochise College serves the people of Cochise County with two campuses and five centers, offering over 90 degree and technical certificates, including an honors curriculum.

HSI Committee

The Hispanic Serving Institution Committee at Cochise College coordinates college-wide efforts to evaluate and improve HSI activities and opportunities for Hispanic students.





Mission & Values

Cochise College provides inclusive and accessible educational opportunities that support social responsibility, community engagement, meaningful careers, and lifelong learning.

In all we do, we exhibit collaboration, encouragement, respect, innovation, and service.

Collaboration: We actively connect with our students and community by providing accessible learning opportunities and resources to overcome barriers, build relationships, and cultivate economic, social, and cultural growth.

Encouragement: We provide personal support to students and staff, faculty, and community members through active engagement and compassion.

Respect: We are a community of acceptance which engages our diverse population (diversity), provides resources appropriate to the needs of individuals (equity), and extends opportunity to all (inclusion).

Innovation: We create new learning experiences to respond and adapt to the needs of our community.

Who we are

As of fall 2021, at least 55% of our full-time students were considered Hispanic. Nearly 60% of our students are pell grant recipients.



HSI Activities

Committee activities include sending students to the annual HACU Capitol Forum, sponsoring Hispanic authors and guest speakers, promotion of bilingual and cultural activities for employees, and collaborating with binational partners in the borderlands region. Cochise College is represented as a steering committee member in the newly established Arizona HSI Consortium.

