

## MISSION

Our academic programs, research, public service, and creative endeavors enrich lives and create opportunities in Arizona and beyond. We develop solutions to challenges and drive innovation in a supportive, inclusive, and diverse environment.

## VISION

NAU leads the way to a better Arizona and a sustainable world through personalized attention to student success and scholarly excellence.

## VALUES

**STUDENT CENTERED:** We place student success at the center of our academic and service planning, policies, and programs.

**INTEGRITY:** We operate with fairness, honesty, and the highest ethical standards.

**DIVERSITY:** We strengthen our community through diversity of cultures, experiences, and perspectives.

**SERVICE:** We partner with our communities, in the spirit of collaboration, to provide services and expertise to support Arizona, the nation, and the world.

**DISCOVERY:** We engage in innovation to create, share, and apply new knowledge, scholarship, and artistry.

**EXCELLENCE:** We commit to the highest quality in all endeavors.

## STRATEGIC GOALS

**STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACCESS:** Educate students to serve, lead, and achieve

**RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY:** Expand the boundaries of knowledge and creativity

**COMMITMENT TO NATIVE AMERICANS:** Become the nation's leading university serving Native Americans

**ENGAGEMENT:** Strengthen university, community, regional, national, and global ties for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources

**STEWARDSHIP:** Ensure long term viability of the university

## OVERVIEW

Founded in 1899, Northern Arizona University is a vibrant community committed to teaching as learning, research as innovation, and service as shared leadership. Northern Arizona University along with the University of Arizona and Arizona State University are governed by the constitutionally authorized Arizona Board of Regents and together constitute the Arizona University System. Northern Arizona University is a high research university with its main campus located on a 829-acre site in Flagstaff, Arizona. NAU Statewide sites are located throughout the state and online.

Flagstaff is a growing city of an estimated 75,038 residents (U.S. Census Bureau, 2019), located on the Colorado Plateau at an elevation of 7,000 feet. Immediately north of the campus are the 12,633 foot-high San Francisco Peaks, which feature a major winter sports center. The university is at the junction of two interstate highways, I-40 and I-17, less than a three-hour drive from Phoenix and about five hours from Tucson; Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Las Vegas, Nevada. Flagstaff is served by the Amtrak transcontinental mainline, one major bus line, and a regional airline. In addition, Flagstaff is the home of such renowned scientific institutions as Lowell Observatory, the U.S. Naval Observatory's Flagstaff station, the U.S. Geological Survey's Branch of Astrogeology, and the Museum of Northern Arizona. These institutions are active participants in the university's educational and research programs. The university campus is surrounded by an environment of mountains, canyons, forests, deserts, lakes, and streams. Two major national parks, including the Grand Canyon, and six national monuments surround the Flagstaff area.

Northern Arizona University is dedicated to providing an outstanding undergraduate residential education strengthened by research, graduate and professional programs, and sophisticated methods of distance delivery. NAU has achieved national distinction as a leader in a number of areas, including environmental sustainability, innovative educational approaches, allied health professional education, and Native American educational partnerships. The university is also committed to student success, offering a number of academic planning tools to help students finish in four years and a guaranteed tuition program that ensures students pay the same tuition over four years.

Northern Arizona University also partners with a variety of Arizona community colleges in an initiative called 2NAU to make it easier for students to complete their bachelor's degree. Students can be admitted to NAU while completing their associate's degree at their local community college. The Arizona community college partners for 2020-2021 include Arizona Western College, Central Arizona College, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Cochise College, Coconino Community College, Dine College, Eastern Arizona College, Estrella Mountain Community College, GateWay Community College, Glendale Community College, Mesa Community College, Mohave Community College, Northland Pioneer College, Paradise Valley Community College, Phoenix College, Pima Community College, Rio Salado College, Scottsdale Community College, South Mountain Community College, Tohono O'odham Community College, and Yavapai College.

NAU provides a Personalized Learning program which offers self-paced, competency-based, direct-assessment programs of study in four Bachelor's degrees (Computer Information Technology, Liberal Arts, Management, and RN to BSN) and four Minors (Computer Information Technology, Liberal Arts, Management, and Human Resources). Additionally two master's programs are available in MS in Nursing and M in Computer Information Technology.

## THE ORGANIZATION

Northern Arizona University is comprised of 10 academic colleges/divisions and offers 96 Baccalaureate, 67 Master, and 20 Doctoral Degrees. In 2020-2021, degree programs were organized into the colleges/divisions listed below:

**College of Arts and Letters**

**College of Education**

**College of Engineering, Informatics, and Applied Sciences**

**College of Health and Human Services**

**College of Social and Behavioral Sciences**

**College of the Environment, Forestry, and Natural Sciences**

**Graduate College**

**Online, Statewide, and Education Innovation**

**Provost Office**

**The W.A. Franke College of Business**

## THE STUDENTS

In Fall 2020, Northern Arizona University enrolled 29,569 students, with 21,495 located on the Flagstaff Campus in Arizona, and the remaining 8,074 students enrolled at 22 other instructional sites throughout the state and online. There were 22,870 full-time students and 6,699 part-time students enrolled which translated into 28,078 full-time equivalent (FTE) students.

The university's enrollment for Fall 2020 consisted of 18,852 females and 10,717 males. Of these students, the majority (66%) were Arizona residents while 34% were from out-of-state, which includes 661 students from foreign countries. Undergraduate students made up 85% of the total student population. Another 4,339 students were enrolled in graduate programs.

Based on IPEDS ethnicity counts, the largest ethnic minority in the student population is Hispanic with 7,378 students, or 25% of the total enrollment. There were 1,582 students (5%) of the total enrollment who declared two or more races. Native American students attending NAU in Fall 2020 were affiliated with 113 separate tribes, the largest tribe being Navajo (Diné).

## THE FACULTY

For the 2020-2021 academic year, Northern Arizona University employed 975 full-time instructional faculty members. Tenured faculty made up 41% of the full-time instructional faculty. The number of full-time, ranked, instructional faculty included 14 Regents' Professors, 267 Professors, 213 Associate Professors, 254 Assistant Professors, 220 Lecturers, and 7 Instructors. For Fall 2020, Northern Arizona University employed 481 part-time instructors with the majority through NAU Statewide locations scattered throughout the state and online.

## THE BUDGET

The fiscal year 2021 state budget expenditure authority totals \$245,725,900. Less than half of the budget, \$106,804,600 came from general fund state appropriations. State tuition and fees and miscellaneous revenue accounted for \$138,921,300 of the budget.

Almost half of the state operating budget, or \$116,145,132 was designated for Instruction. The second largest program, Institutional Support, was budgeted to receive \$55,013,802. The remaining state operating funds were budgeted such that Academic Support was estimated to receive \$29,605,065; Operation and Maintenance of Plant \$22,132,119; Student Services \$12,197,852; Public Service \$5,651,403; and Organized Research \$4,980,528.

## FINANCE, INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING AND ANALYSIS

The Finance, Institutional Planning and Analysis (FIPA) division is comprised of the Comptroller's Office, Data Governance, Institutional Research and Analysis (IRA), Internal Audit, Strategic Planning, and the University Budget Office (UBO). FIPA supports the university's vision of excellence, access, and impact of effectively leading and managing its financial and business operations and developing NAU's resources. FIPA departments are committed to supporting all university entities by providing quality financial, accounts, data and administrative services.