

VISION

NAU aims to be the nation's preeminent engine of opportunity, vehicle of economic mobility, and driver of social impact by delivering equitable postsecondary value in Arizona and beyond.

MISSION

NAU transforms lives and enriches communities through high-quality academics and impactful scholarship, creative endeavors, and public service.

COMMITMENT

NAU will educate, support, and empower students from all backgrounds, identities, and lived experiences to reach their full potential and contribute to a more just, equitable, inclusive, prosperous, and sustainable future.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: Position our students for postgraduation success; participate in high-impact learning opportunities; offer faculty and staff professional growth opportunities

STUDENT SUCCESS: Broaden access to more Arizonans; increase enrollment statewide and in online programs; improve retention rates and increase educational attainment, closing gaps in retention and completion; improve student momentum and postgraduation success

COMMITMENT TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: Gain knowledge and understanding of the sovereignty of Indigenous Nations and Indigenous Peoples'; support enrollment, retention, and educational attainment; promote and support Indigenous community-driven research, scholarship, and creative activities; recruit, retain, and support Indigenous faculty and staff; support mutually beneficial community-driven partnerships, engagement, and service

IMPACTFUL SCHOLARSHIP: Increase the number and diversity of students engaged in mentored research, scholarship, and creative activities; engage in research and service activities; advance knowledge and innovation to help solve issues of regional, national, and global relevance; support and recognize excellence in research, scholarship, and creative activities

MISSION-DRIVEN AND DIVERSE FACULTY AND STAFF: Develop and implement equitable policies and practices; support faculty and staff economic, physical, and mental well-being; foster a culture of shared responsibility; promote student success

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Enhance and celebrate its culture of community engagement; have a beneficial economic and social impact in communities; build a robust statewide network; increase and enhance alumni engagement and service; serve as a regional cultural hub;

SUSTAINABLE STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES: develop and implement a Sustainable Smart Campus Master Plan; develop and implement a Climate Action Plan; providing advanced technological infrastructure and service; diversify revenue streams

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 883-acre site in Flagstaff, Arizona. NAU Statewide sites are located throughout the state and online.

Flagstaff is a growing city of an estimated 75,907 residents (U.S. Census Bureau, 2022), 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.

Northern Arizona University also partners with a variety of 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 2023-2024 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 Community College, Scottsdale Community College, South Mountain Community College, Tohono O'odham Community College, and Yavapai College. The community college partners outside of Arizona include Chaffey College, Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, Imperial Valley College, Irvine Valley College, Palomar College, Saddleback College, and Dodge City Community 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 five Minors (Computer Information Technology, Entrepreneurship and Business Development, Liberal Arts, Management, and Human Resources). Additionally 4 master's programs are available: Computer Information Technology (M), Computer Science (MS), Nursing (MS) and Organizational Leadership (M).

THE ORGANIZATION

Northern Arizona University is comprised of 9 academic colleges/divisions and offers 96 Baccalaureate, 73 Master, and 21 Doctoral Degrees. In 2023-2024, 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
- Online, Statewide, and Education Innovation
- Provost Office
- The W.A. Franke College of Business

THE STUDENTS

In Fall 2023, Northern Arizona University enrolled 28,194 students, with 21,550 located on the Flagstaff Campus in Arizona, and the remaining 6,644 students enrolled at 22 other instructional sites throughout the state and online. There were 23,055 full-time students and 5,139 part-time students enrolled which translated into 27,415 full-time equivalent (FTE) students.

The university's enrollment for Fall 2023 consisted of 17,907 females and 10,287 males. Of these students, the majority (67%) were Arizona residents while 33% were from out-of-state, which includes 1,117 students from foreign countries. Undergraduate students made up 82% of the total student population. Another 5,060 students were enrolled in graduate programs.

Based on IPEDS race/ethnicity counts, the largest ethnic minority in the student population is Hispanic with 6,964 students, or 25% of the total enrollment. There were 1,464 students (5%) of the total enrollment who declared two or more races. Native American students attending NAU in Fall 2023 were affiliated with 100 separate tribes, the largest tribe being Navajo (Diné).



THE FACULTY

For the 2023-2024 academic year, Northern Arizona University employed 1,115 full-time instructional faculty members. Tenured faculty made up 33% of the full-time instructional faculty. The number of full-time, ranked, instructional faculty included 16 Regents' Professors, 295 Professors, 317 Associate Professors, 427 Assistant Professors, 45 Lecturers, and 15 Instructors. For Fall 2023, Northern Arizona University employed 492 part-time instructors with the majority through NAU Statewide locations scattered throughout the state and online.

THE BUDGET

The fiscal year 2024 state budget expenditure authority totals \$271,245,000. About half of the budget, \$138,925,500 came from general fund state appropriations. State tuition and fees and miscellaneous revenue accounted for \$132,319,500 of the budget.

Almost half of the state operating budget, or \$133,122,140 was designated for Instruction. The second largest program, Institutional Support, was budgeted to receive \$45,678,087. The remaining state operating funds were budgeted such that Academic Support was estimated to receive \$34,010,809; Student Services \$24,305,047; Operation and Maintenance of Plant \$23,911,869; Public Service \$5,625,706; and Organized Research \$4,591,341.

UNIVERSITY FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

NAU's University Finance and Business Services (UFBS) division is comprised of Campus Services and Activities; Comptroller's Office; Contracts, Purchasing and Risk Management; Internal Audit; Office of Sustainability; and the University Budget Office (UBO). UFBS's mission is to serve and collaborate with University units to ensure the stewardship of the University's resources through effective and accurate processing, monitoring, reporting, auditing. UFBS departments are committed to supporting all university entities by providing quality financial, accounts, data and administrative services.