1 MISSION

DID YOU KNOW...

Naropa’s Mission Statement recognizes the inherent goodness and wisdom of each human being.

Naropa offers 11 bachelor’s degree programs and 14 master’s degree programs.


Social engagement is an important part of Naropa’s mission.

The five flags in front of every Naropa campus represent the five Buddha families.

The Naropa Sustainability Statement, adopted in Fall 2012, affirms Naropa’s commitment to sustainability as a core value.

The Warrior’s Exam is borrowed from traditional Tibetan scholastic programs that increase the development of clarity and compassion.

In collaboration with University of Colorado, Naropa faculty have established the Rocky Mountain Regional Dialogue on Mindfulness in Higher Education.
INTEGRITY, ETHICAL & RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT

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Naropa was founded on the premise that the ultimate goal of higher education is to be a catalyst for enlightened transformation of both the self and the world.

Every two years, a new student trustee is elected by Student Union of Naropa (SUN) to represent the student body on Naropa’s Board of Trustees.

Faculty and staff are required to undergo training regarding the prevention of harassment and discrimination.

The Allen Ginsberg Library provides information literacy instruction to students at all levels.

Naropa University affirms that all members of the faculty are entitled to academic freedom.

Most Naropa Board of Trustees meeting sessions are open to community members, who are often invited into dialogue.

As a private institution, Naropa has no investors, parent organizations, or supporting external interests involving financial returns to the university.
The Higher Learning Commission is reviewing Naropa’s accreditation.

5 CRITERIA:
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- Integrity, Ethical & Responsible Conduct
- Teaching & Learning: Quality, Resources & Support
- Teaching & Learning: Evaluation & Improvement
- Resources, Planning & Institutional Effectiveness

**DID YOU KNOW...**

**Contemplative education, sustainability, and diversity** are 3 pillars of a Naropa education.

The Learning Commons brings together student support services into one space where students can gather and study.

More than 80% of Naropa students report connecting their classwork to societal problems and issues “often” or “very often.”

As of September 2014, there are 28 registered student organizations representing a wide variety of interests.

All Naropa students are entitled to an assessment session with a Naropa Counseling Center provider to determine their needs.

Naropa is the first North American university authorized to offer an accredited study abroad program through the Royal University of Bhutan.

The Alaya Preschool has been a part of Naropa’s Contemplative Education program since 1994.

Naropa’s Wednesday Community Time (12–1:30 p.m.) allows for open space over the lunch hour, acknowledging that creating a coherent community requires space and time to hang out.

A 2014 survey revealed that more than 80% of students registered with Disability Resources agree that the services they received contributed to their overall success at Naropa.

Naropa trains 50 mindfulness instructors per year, comprised of students, staff, and faculty.
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A survey conducted by our Career Services and Alumni Relations offices reveals that most Naropa alumni are employed or pursuing advanced degrees within a year of graduation.

The most common career path for both undergraduate and graduate alumni is Health & Human Services.

Naropa’s student government, Student Union of Naropa (SUN), helps to inform policy and influence decisions that affect students at Naropa University.

The majority of Naropa students are enrolled in graduate programs.

A 2013 survey reveals diverse perspectives, collaboration with faculty on research, and service-learning as strong areas of a Naropa education.

Each academic program has its own mission statement that relates the unique contributions of the program to the broad aspirations of the Naropa University Mission Statement.

Through a consortium agreement, Naropa students can enroll in math and science courses at University of Colorado – Boulder.

Naropa’s academic programs are regularly reviewed and assessed for quality.
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Adopted in Fall 2008, Naropa’s strategic plan is titled, “Deliver Distinction with Excellence,” and guides university decision-making.

President Lief signed a Climate Action Plan in Fall 2013, establishing a method to identify and work on projects focused toward climate neutrality.

Allen Ginsberg Library satellite libraries now exist at Nalanda and Paramita campuses.

Naropa’s on-campus Earn-A-Bike program teaches students to build and maintain their own bicycles, in exchange for 15 service-learning hours.

Naropa’s undergraduate academic experience has been strengthened with the help of a five-year U.S. Department of Education Title III Grant.

The recent renovation of Nalanda Campus added 12,000 square feet of classroom, gallery, library, and community space.

Naropa employment benefits include a defined contribution match of up to 5% of an employee’s salary.