

ACCREDITATION 2015

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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**.

Contemplative education combines **3 distinct education approaches**: first-person, second-person, and third-person inquiry.

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**.

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2 INTEGRITY, ETHICAL & RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT

DID YOU KNOW...

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.

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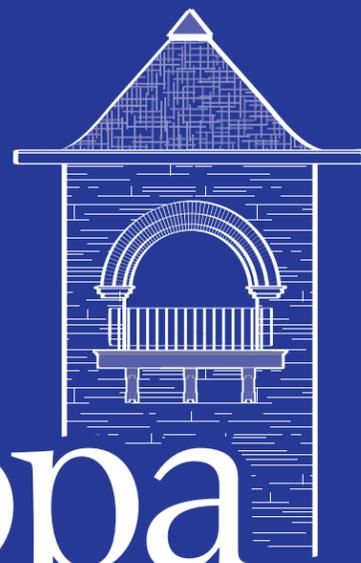
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3 TEACHING & LEARNING: QUALITY, RESOURCES & SUPPORT

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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4 TEACHING & LEARNING: EVALUATION & IMPROVEMENT

DID YOU KNOW...

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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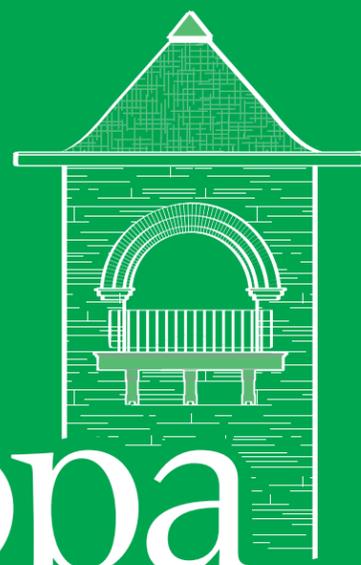
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5 RESOURCES, PLANNING & INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

DID YOU KNOW...

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.