

# Northern Arizona University Summary

## Mission Statement<sup>1</sup>

To provide an outstanding undergraduate residential education strengthened by research, graduate and professional programs, and sophisticated methods of distance delivery.

Northern Arizona University is a high research university with its main campus in Flagstaff, Arizona. NAU-Yuma shares a campus with Arizona Western College in Yuma, Arizona and NAU-Distance Learning is located at 38 campuses throughout the state.

## Values

- Excellence in Education: Offer a rigorous, high quality education to all students
- Student Success: Place learner needs at the center of our academic and service planning, policies, and programs
- Educational Access: Provide all qualified students with access to higher education
- Diversity: Achieve multicultural understanding as a priority of educational and civic life
- Integrity: Operate with fairness, honesty, and the highest ethical standards to sustain a community of trust
- Civility: Support a civil, engaging, and respectful campus climate
- Environmental Sustainability: Model environmentally responsible and sustainable operations and education

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<sup>1</sup> 2009-2013 Strategic Plan  
Northern Arizona University 2008-2009 Fact Book

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### Overview

The University enrolls over 22,000 students a semester, with nearly 15,000 located on the Mountain Campus and another 7,741 enrolled at other instructional sites including 37 other towns and cities throughout the state and a branch campus in Yuma, Arizona. The NAU Yuma branch has recently been designated as Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) by the US Department of Education. 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. The NAU Mountain Campus is located on a 740-acre site in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Flagstaff is a growing city of approximately 61,000, 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 Interstate Highways 40 and 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.

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### **The Organization**

The university is comprised of eight academic colleges/divisions offering 95 baccalaureates, 49 masters, and 9 doctoral degrees. In 2008-2009, degree programs were organized into the colleges and schools listed below:

- College of Arts and Letters
- W. A. Franke College of Business
- College of Education
- College of Engineering, Forestry and Natural Sciences
- College of Health and Human Services
- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Graduate College
- Undergraduate Studies
- NAU-Yuma

### **The Students**

Northern Arizona University enrolled 22,507 students for the fall 2008 semester. There were 15,947 full-time students and 6,560 part-time students enrolled which translated into 19,537 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. The university's enrollment for fall 2008 consisted of 14,075 females and 8,432 males. Of these students, the vast majority, or 17,796 are Arizona residents, while 4,711 were from out of state, which includes 506 students from foreign countries. A total of 7,741 students attended off-campus or online courses offered in over 38 communities throughout Arizona. Undergraduate students made up 75 percent of the total student population. Another 5,720 students were enrolled in graduate programs.

The largest ethnic minority in the student population is Hispanic with 2,877 or 13 percent of the total enrollment. The Native American enrollment was second with a total of 1,302 students, or 6 percent of the total enrollment. Native American students attending NAU are affiliated with over 55 separate tribes, the largest tribe being Navajo (Dine).

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### **The Budget**

The total all funds university expenditure budget for fiscal year 2009 was \$492,273,300. The largest portion of the budget is \$161,560,900 from the general fund state appropriations. State tuition and fees provide \$52,620,500 appropriated and miscellaneous revenue. Designated funds and auxiliary enterprises account for \$194,106,400 of the total, and restricted local funds of \$83,985,500.

Approximately half of the state operating budget or \$115,972,635 is designated for Instruction. Remaining state operating funds are budgeted such that Academic Support is estimated to receive \$20,297,398, Student Affairs and Administration \$17,833,413, Organized Research \$3,837,269, and Public Service \$4,447,737. The next largest program, Institutional Support, is budgeted to receive \$51,792,948 from the state operating budget and comprises almost a quarter of the total.

### **The Faculty**

For the 2008-09 academic year, Northern Arizona University employed 809 full-time instructional faculty members. Tenured faculty make up over 53 percent of the full-time instructional faculty. The number of full-time, ranked, instructional faculty includes 17 Regents' Professors, 236 Professors, 193 Associate Professors, 226 Assistant Professors, 41 Instructors, and 99 Lecturers. For the Fall 2008 semester, Northern Arizona University employed 706 part-time instructors, with the majority being through the NAU Distance Learning Programs scattered throughout the state.

### **Planning, Budget, and Institutional Research**

The Office of Planning, Budget and Institutional Research is responsible for providing information in support of strategic planning and budgeting, policy formulation and decision-making. The office provides leadership in budget planning, development, and monitoring. It also provides data, analyses, and projections for planning and decision-making; coordinates the design, implementation and analysis of major institutional studies; reports official data for mandated and other external reports; and assists other offices in obtaining and analyzing information.