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NDNU's New Mission Statement Reflects University's Evolving Vision and Enduring Values



We are delighted to share NDNU's new Mission Statement, a collaborative effort involving input from many constituents throughout the University.

The new Mission Statement reaffirms our long-standing dedication to social justice, inclusion and academic excellence while addressing our transition to an institution primarily serving today's adult learners.

Mission Statement:

Notre Dame de Namur University provides transformative, professionally oriented education designed for learners who reflect the diversity of our world. Our graduates are highly skilled professionals and lifelong learners who work to transform the world through values-based professional work and community-based action for social justice.

As an inclusive learning community, NDNU invites people from all walks of life to come together to honor the dignity, sacredness, and diversity of every person. Rooted in the inclusive values of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the Catholic intellectual tradition, and our liberal arts heritage, NDNU is guided by its Core Values and the Hallmarks of a Notre Dame de Namur Learning Community.

Special thanks to the members of the Strategic Planning Mission and Vision Committee who crafted the new statement: Evelia Chacon, Kelly Delaney, Helen Marlo, Sr. Louise O'Reilly, Randie Sessler, Bobby Vaughn, and Committee Chair Greg White.

Enrollment Update: Fall Semester Off to a Strong Start!

It's been a very busy summer for our Admission team, with both enrollment and credit hours continuing an upward trend.

"We currently have 379 students enrolled for Fall 2025," reports Tanya Tran, Dean of Enrollment Management (pictured). "This

is a 33% year-over-year increase from this time last year. Our strategic enrollment goal is to increase enrollments to 500 students next year".

Additionally, NDNU currently has 3,054 enrolled credit hours for Fall, exceeding an initial target of 2,825. This impressive number reflects a 41% year-over-year increase in total credit hours so far. The end of the Fall enrollment cycle is October 31, 2025, so there is still time to increase our enrolled credit hours.



"While we still have a ways to go to reach our 2026 target, we're definitely on the right track," says Tanya. "We expect to see steady growth now that nearly 85 percent of our classes are offered online and therefore more accessible to our students."

Kudos to the Admissions Team and to the Marketing & Communications Department for being a great partner in connecting with new and prospective students.

If you or someone you know is interested in our graduate level or bachelor's degree completion programs, please contact us by [clicking here](#).

Share Your Story with Prospective NDNU Students



Our Marketing & Communications Department invites your participation in a storytelling campaign to inspire future students, drive engagement and showcase the impact of an NDNU education.

Participation is easy:

Record a short video addressing the prompts found in this [testimonial submission form](#), upload your MP4 video file to the form and then submit the video file and form.

Questions? Please contact NSpagnoli@ndnu.edu.

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