

Dharma Realm Buddhist University Accepting Applications for Undergraduate Program

法界佛教大學秋季班招生

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Dharma Realm Buddhist University (DRBU) is currently accepting applications for Fall 2014 for its inaugural Undergraduate program which has been in development for the last three years - a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts. Similar to “Great Books” programs like those at St. John’s College, Thomas Aquinas College, and St. Mary’s College’s Integral Program, all students in the program take the same unified curriculum featuring Eastern and Western Classics in small, seminar style classes. The program offered at DRBU is unique among all “Great Books” programs in the United States because of the deep engagement with classical primary texts from both East and West. “As the only four-year bachelor’s program in Mendocino County, we are excited to offer an affordable alternative to local students who are interested in a quality liberal arts college education.” says Douglas Powers, Vice-President for Administration and Finance.

The Senior College and University Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) has granted Dharma Realm Buddhist University eligibility to proceed with an application for WASC Candidacy and Initial Accreditation—a significant progress in the University’s pursuit of regional accreditation. In its letter, the Commission expressed appreciation for the “clear articulation of [DRBU’s] philosophy blending the East and West in a broad liberal arts-based education growing out of Buddhism.” Further, the Commission stated that DRBU’s “strong program with solid academics, a qualified administration, faculty, and staff” and thorough understanding of the accreditation process are evidence of the University’s “potential to achieve accreditation and to show further growth.” Obtaining WASC Candidacy is a top priority for

法界佛教大學（法大）目前正在接受2014年秋季首屆大學本科生申請，這是法界佛教大學過去三年來所發展設立的一一文理學士學位。相似於那些在聖約翰學院，托馬斯·阿奎那學院和聖瑪麗學院的整體計劃「偉大的典籍」，所有的學生在整個課程中修學一個具有東方和西方的經典特色的統一課程，採小班制的研討型式上課。在全美所有「偉大的典籍」的課程中，法大所提供的課程是獨一無二的，因為它的課程與東方及西方的主要典籍有深層的融合。法大行政及財務副校長道格拉斯鮑爾說，「由於法大是曼多西諾縣唯一的四年制學士學位課程，我們非常高興能夠為本地有興趣接受優良的文科大學教育的學生，提供一個經濟實惠的方案。」

美國西部大學校院認可協會（以下簡稱WASC）許可該校具有申請WASC「候選資格」及「初級認證」的資格。此項資格許可，呈現出校方致力區域認可有顯著的進步。信中說明，委員會讚賞校方對於資格評鑑申請的高度審慎及細心準備，以及對於以佛法為本的教育宗旨、融合中西文化於博雅教育的特色有著清楚地描繪。委員會陳述，法界佛教大學以穩健扎實的教育學程、出色的校務管理，以及稱職的行政團隊，加上對於評鑑過程的充分理解掌握，再再證明法大未來有能力取得認可並且成長茁壯。取得WASC的候選資格鑑

DRBU, and the University is working closely with WASC in the coming year to meet the Commission's accreditation Standards and Criteria for Review. The university also offers a new graduate program, a Master of Arts in Buddhist Classics. That program will begin its second year in August 2014.

The ideal prospective student for DRBU is one who is intellectually curious and broad-minded; enjoys writing, history, literature, psychology and philosophy; has an interest in learning languages such as Chinese and Sanskrit; and thrives in highly interactive class discussions. This student would also likely be service oriented, and intrigued by a life dedicated in some way to the greater good. They may also find activities such as yoga, tai chi, calligraphy, painting, art, organic gardening, group community service projects, and meditation of interest.

DRBU is an ideal place for students who want to focus on their studies on a campus full of natural beauty. It should be noted that intoxicants of any type, (including alcohol and tobacco), are banned while on campus, men and women live in separate dorms, and all food offered in the dining hall is vegetarian. Students are not required to identify themselves as a Buddhist to apply. "This is an especially good option if a student is looking for an alternative to attending a large state university or community college, and would enjoy an academically rigorous curriculum and small seminar style classes where they will be mentored by their professors, and know all of their fellow students by name." says Angela Justice, Director of University Relations.

"DRBU strives to make the opportunity to study here a reality for all accepted students, regardless of financial circumstances. We work with each student and their family to develop a customized aid package that meets their entire demonstrated need." says Wayne Chen, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. For students that are a good match for admission into our program, the university will meet all of their demonstrated financial need. DRBU invites all college bound students to apply, including non-traditional age students. The university has a rolling admission process and will continue to review applications for Fall 2014 through August 15, 2014. Please visit drbu.org/admissions for more details.

DRBU has applied for Eligibility from the WASC Senior College and University Commission. WASC has reviewed the application and determined that the University is eligible to proceed with an application for Candidacy and Initial Accreditation. A determination of Eligibility is not a formal status with the WASC Senior College and University Commission, nor does it ensure eventual accreditation. It is a preliminary finding that the institution is potentially accreditable and can proceed within four years of its Eligibility determination to be reviewed for Candidacy and Initial Accreditation status with the Commission. Questions about Eligibility may be directed to the institution or to WASC at wascsr@wascsenior.org or (510) 748-9001. ❀

定，是法界佛教大學的首要目標。因此密切配合委員會審查的認可標準及準則，將成為校方未來幾年的規劃方向。該大學還提供了一個新的研究生課程——佛學碩士學位。該課程將於2014年8月開始。

理想的法大準學生的是一個有求知欲和寬廣的胸懷；喜歡寫作、歷史、文學、心理學和哲學；有興趣學習語言，如中文和梵文；並在高度互動的課堂討論中成長的學生。這個學生也可能是以服務為導向，並有興趣為更大的人類利益奉獻生命。他們也可能會發現其它感興趣的活動，如瑜伽、太極、書法、繪畫、藝術、有機園藝、群社區服務項目和禪坐。

對於想要在一個充滿自然美景的校園內專注於學習的學生，法大是一個理想的校園。校園內禁止任何類型（包括菸酒）的麻醉品。男女宿舍分開，並且校內提供的所有食物皆是素食餐飲。學生並不限定於佛教徒。大學公共關係室主任說，「如果一個學生正在尋找上大型的州立大學或社區學院的另一種可能，並喜歡有一個嚴謹的學術課程，參與由知道所有同學名字的教授所輔導的小型研討班，法界佛教大學（法大）將是一個特別好的選擇。」

招生及獎助學金主任陳頌明表示，「法大將努力使所有錄取的學生，不論經濟情況，都能實現在這裡學習的機會。我們會與每個學生和他們的家庭，一起發展一個符合他們的完整需要的獎助計劃」。對於一個適合本校課程的學生，法大將滿足其所有財務需要。法大邀請所有高校的學生申請，並包括非傳統年齡的學生。目前持續接受學生的入學申請，2014年秋季的申請審查將持續到2014年8月15日。詳細資料請查drbu.org。

法界佛教大學已向WASC大學校院認可委員會申請資格評鑑。WASC於日前審核通過該項申請，表示該校具備申請WASC「候選資格」及「初級認證」的條件。目前通過的資格評鑑，並不是WASC正式的認證，也不是最終的認可。此項資格評鑑，係大專學院得以進入四年的「候選資格及初級認證」審查的門檻。關於「資格評鑑」的問題，請洽WASC或電郵 wascsr@wascsenior.org 或撥打(510) 748-9001. ❀