

# 法界佛教大學獲得區域認證

## Dharma Realm Buddhist University Gains Regional Accreditation

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法界佛教大學（法大）宣布已獲得美國西部院校協會大學和學院高級委員會（WSCUC）的最初認證，給予最長的允許期限六年。WSCUC在其委員會行動信函中表示：「確認法界佛教大學已解決處理了三項核心承諾，並成功完成了初始認證的學院審核流程。」在高等教育選擇有限的北加州地區，法界佛教大學開設學位課程，加強美國文科教育的多樣性。

法大受益於WSCUC嚴格的初始認證審核流程，該流程包括全面的自我研究、大規模的報告，以及兩次的現場評審，評審團隊為已獲WSCUC認證的學院所組成。法大董事會主席比丘尼恒持表示，「授予初始認證肯定了大學全體的共同決心，不斷反思和改進，以其有效達成學校的使命：傳達知識，並開發本有的智慧。」

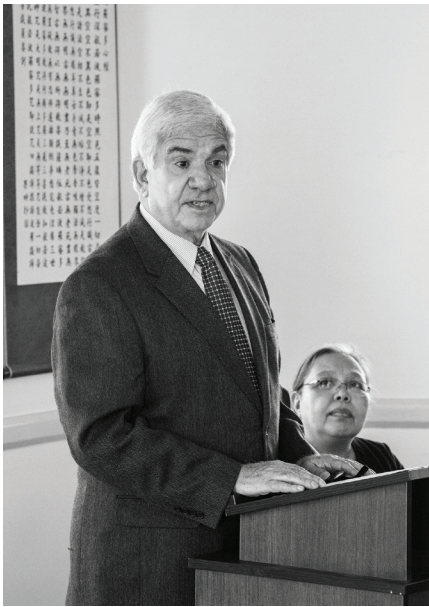
在最終報告書中，除了讚許法大體現「高等教育仍有可能實現以學生為中心的教學」之外，WSCUC組成的評

April 17, 2018, Dharma Realm Buddhist University (DRBU) is pleased to announce that the University has been granted Initial Accreditation by the WASC Senior Commission of Universities and Colleges (WSCUC) for the maximum allowable period of six years. The WSCUC stated in its Commission Action Letter that its decision “confirms that [DRBU] has addressed the three Core Commitments and has successfully completed the institutional review process for Initial Accreditation.” In Northern California, a region with limited options for higher education, DRBU offers degree programs that enhance the diversity of liberal arts education in the U.S.

DRBU has benefitted from going through the rigorous WSCUC review process for Initial Accreditation, which comprises comprehensive self-studies, extensive reporting, and two on-site reviews conducted by a team of peer educators from WSCUC-accredited institutions. “The granting of Initial Accreditation affirms the collective resolve of the University community to continuously reflect and improve on DRBU’s effectiveness in furthering its mission: conveying knowledge and activating inherent wisdom,” states Bhikshuni Heng Chih, Chairperson of the DRBU Board of Trustees.

In addition to commending DRBU for demonstrating “a strong sense of student centeredness that is still possible in higher education” in its final report, the team of reviewers assembled by WSCUC remarked that “DRBU is poised to sustain and advance itself as an acknowledged leader in innovative higher education.”

President Rounds congratulates and thanks the DRBU community for this collective achievement and pays tribute to the University’s late founder, Venerable



審團隊表示，「法界佛教大學準備在高等教育的創新教學領域，維持並提升成為

公認的領導者地位。」

對於來自法大全體努力的這項成就，校長朗德女士表達祝賀和感謝，並向法大的創辦人宣公上人致敬：

「完成認證，對法大來說是一個重要的里程碑，這條道路在上人四十多年前創校時就開始了。上人希望用佛法的開放教育觀點，引導追求生命究竟解脫與積極承擔的眾生，他的願景不斷啟發著我們。我們重視WSCUC訪問團隊對於法大致力轉變學生生命的肯定，並期待獲得初始認證所帶來的契機。」

法界佛教大學提供兩種「偉大典籍」風格的學位課程，強調亞洲的主要典籍以及融合沉思的練習，這些特點與其他文理學院不同。在本校獲得認證之前，加州舊金山以北擁有認證的高級學院和大學少於十所。法界佛教大學是曼都仙諾縣第一個獲得認證的四年制學院。

WSCUC訪問團隊的報告書和行動信函，可在WSCUC網站上查詢。網址為：

<https://www.wscuc.org/institutions/dharma-realm-buddhist-university> ❀



Master Hsuan Hua:

“Achieving accreditation is an important milestone for DRBU on a path that began when the late Venerable Master Hsuan Hua founded the University more than forty years ago. His exalted vision of liberal education in the broad Buddhist tradition, leading to radically free and radically responsible individuals who pursue the highest goals of human existence continues to inspire us. We take to heart the WSCUC Visiting Team’s specific affirmation of DRBU’s dedication to transforming the lives of our students and look forward to the new opportunities for DRBU that come with Initial Accreditation.”

DRBU offers two “Great Books”-style degree programs with a strong emphasis on Asian core texts and the integration of contemplative exercises, features that set DRBU apart from other liberal arts colleges. Prior to the accreditation of DRBU, there were less than ten accredited senior colleges and universities in California north of the San Francisco Bay. DRBU is the first accredited four-year institution in Mendocino County.

The visiting team report and WSCUC Action Letter from the review of Dharma Realm Buddhist University are available on the WSCUC website at <https://www.wscuc.org/institutions/dharma-realm-buddhist-university>.

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