

NAVAMINDRADHIRAJ UNIVERSITY

The university focuses on fields essential to a major metropolitan area, particularly healthcare and urban development.

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About Us

Navamindradhiraj University

Navamindradhiraj University, formerly known as Bangkok Metropolitan University, was established by the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration in honor of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of His Majesty's accession to the throne. Founded under the Bangkok Metropolitan University Act B.E. 2553 (2010), promulgated in the Royal Gazette on November 12, B.E. 2553 (2010), the university operates as a state agency under the supervision of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration and holds full legal entity status, making it Thailand's first local higher education institution. The royal name "Navamindradhiraj University" was graciously bestowed and officially announced in the Royal Gazette on June 20, B.E. 2556 (2013).

The university was established with the overarching objectives of providing quality education, promoting academic excellence and research, and creating and advancing knowledge across a range of disciplines and professions. Its mission encompasses the dissemination of knowledge and the advancement of medicine, public health, urban management, local government administration, and metropolitan development. The university also dedicates itself to the preservation of religion, arts, culture, traditions, local wisdom, the environment, and sports, drawing upon the unique experiences, resources, and readiness of Bangkok to respond to the needs of its people and contribute to the well-being of the nation.

At present, the university offers 14 undergraduate programs and 6 graduate programs across three faculties and two colleges: **the Faculty of Medicine Vajira Hospital, the Kuakarun Faculty of Nursing, the Faculty of Science and Health Technology, the College of Urban Community Development, the Institute of Metropolitan Development** and has two administrative support units, the Office of the University Council and the Office of the President.

Currently, the university has a total of 2,910 students, 560 academic staff, and 2,704 support staff (data as of December 2025). **Professor Dr. Surapol Nitikraipot serves as Chairman of the University Council, and Associate Professor Dr. Pongsak Noipayak serves as President.**





University Responsibilities

Navamindradhiraj University was established with the following objectives and responsibilities:

- Conduct research, promote and support research to create or develop knowledge and apply that knowledge for the benefit of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, society, and the nation.
- Produce graduates in accordance with the National Education Plan, Bangkok Metropolitan Development Plan, and cooperation plans between Bangkok Metropolitan Administration and other local government organizations, emphasizing that graduates possess professional knowledge and capabilities, morality, ethics, social consciousness, and a desire for self-learning.
- Develop medical and public health knowledge in all fields, with emphasis on urban medicine.
- Develop knowledge in urban management, local government administration, and metropolitan development.
- Provide educational opportunities that align with the needs of urban communities based on the principle of equality.
- Provide academic services and collaborate with communities in vocational training and development.
- Preserve religion, arts, culture, traditions, local wisdom, environment, and sports.
- Provide medical, nursing, public health, and academic and professional services that are recognized at national and international levels.

Vision: " A Leader in Urban Development and Quality of Life for Urban Citizens "

Strategy: "URBAN EXCELLENCE"

U - Urban Excellence Programs

Graduates possess digital skills, expertise in urban sciences, readiness for change, and preparedness to become new entrepreneurs.

R - Research into Urban Excellence

Research and innovation addressing urban problems, supported by digital technology and artificial intelligence.

B - Best Academic Services in Urbanology

Easily accessible academic services and exemplary urban medicine medical services at the national level driven by digital technology.

A - Anchoring Arts and Culture for Urban Legacy

Preserve the arts and culture of Wang Sam Sen and Bangkok Metropolitan Administration to maintain cultural heritage.

N - Networking with Next-Gen Digital Technology

Collaboration networks within institutions domestically and internationally, creating knowledge and innovation in urban sciences.

Core Values: NMU

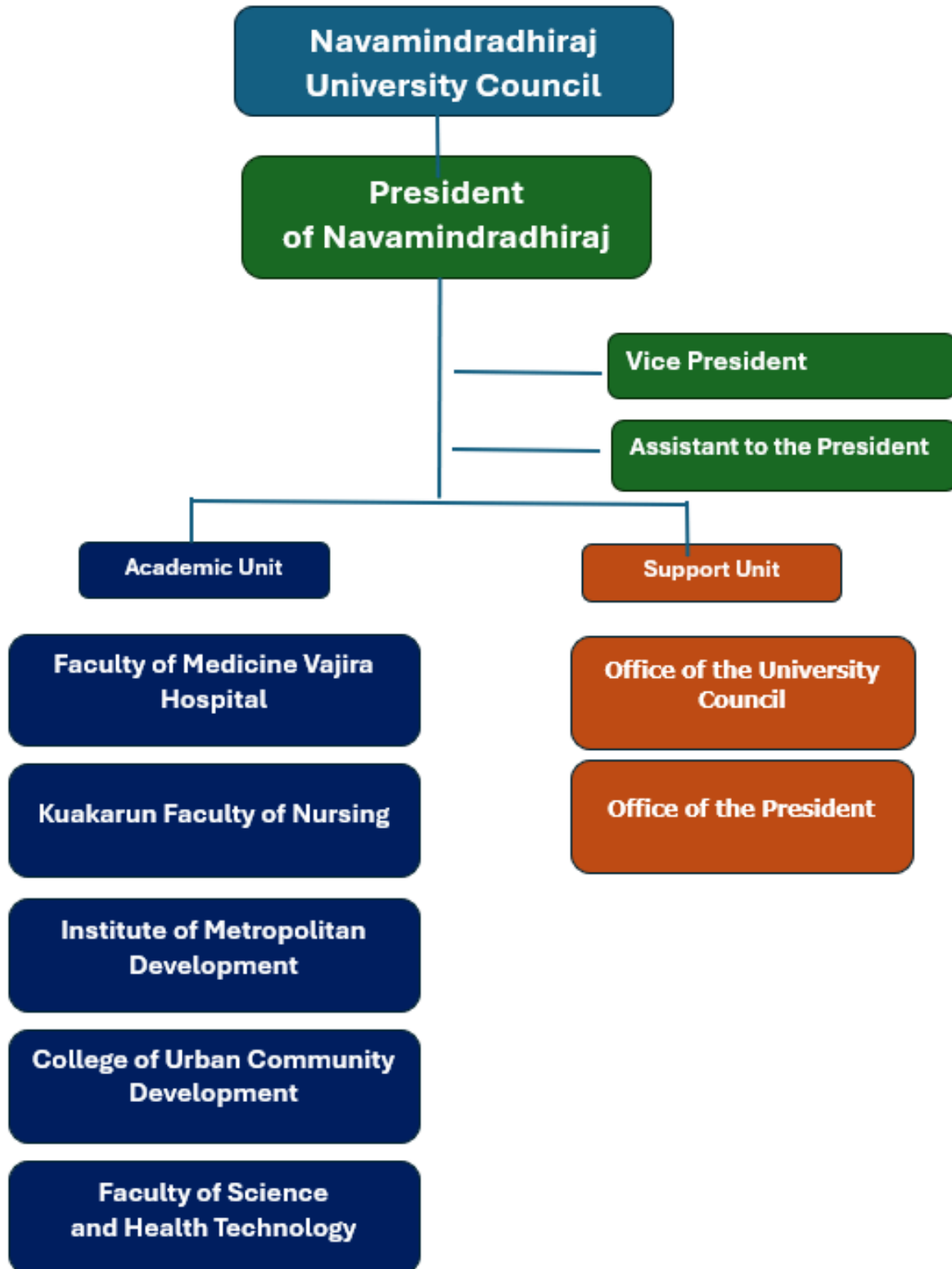
- N - Networking for Societal Contributions
- M - Management for Agility and Resilience
- U - Urban Excellence for Humankind

Organizational Culture: 3L

- Listen
- Learn
- Liaise



Organizational Structure





Organizational Units within the University

1. Office of University Council

The University Council Office was established in accordance with the Navamindradhiraj University Act B.E. 2553 (2010). The Office is responsible for secretarial and records management functions, as well as providing support to the University Council, and carrying out any other duties as assigned by the University Council or the University President.

2. Office of the President

The Office of the President is responsible for human resources management, general administration, finance and treasury, budgeting and procurement, policy and planning, information technology, international relations, legal affairs, monitoring and evaluation, quality assurance, and the preparation of the University's annual reports. It also supports and promotes the implementation of the University's various missions in the areas of academics, research, academic services to society, and student affairs, as well as carrying out any other duties as assigned by the University Council or the University President. The Office of the University President offers 3 short-term executive training programs:



The Senior Executives Class on Metropolitan Development



The Senior Executives Development Program for Urban Leadership Development



The Sustainable Integrated Metropolitan Development (SIMD)



3. Faculty of Medicine Vajira Hospital

Vajira Hospital holds the distinction of being one of Thailand's earliest established hospitals. It was founded by His Majesty King Vajiravudh (Rama VI), who generously contributed his personal funds to acquire the land, buildings, and structures, and donated the entire estate as a public institution for the people to serve as a hospital dedicated to the care of the sick. His Majesty graciously presided over the hospital's official opening on January 2, B.E. 2455 (1912), and bestowed upon it the name "Vajira Hospital."

In B.E. 2528 (1985), Vajira Hospital entered into a collaborative arrangement with Srinakharinwirot University to establish the Faculty of Medicine at Srinakharinwirot University, with Vajira Hospital designated as the principal teaching hospital for medical students during their clinical training years.

When the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) subsequently conceived the idea of establishing its own medical school, the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Medical College was founded under the Medical Service Department of the BMA, as announced in the Royal Gazette on January 28, B.E. 2536 (1993). The college operated as an affiliated institution of Mahidol University until B.E. 2541 (1998), when it was merged with Vajira Hospital to form the "Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Medical College and Vajira Hospital." Upon the establishment of Navamindradhiraj University, the institution was formally reconstituted as the Faculty of Medicine Vajira Hospital in B.E. 2553 (2010).

The Faculty of Medicine Vajira Hospital carries broad responsibilities encompassing educational administration, teaching supervision, and the management of medical education programs to produce graduates and medical personnel across all levels, including specialists in a wide range of disciplines. The Faculty develops and continuously refines its curricula to align with international standards, promotes and supports medical research and scholarly inquiry, and delivers high-quality medical services to the public, encompassing treatment, health promotion, and disease prevention. It further provides academic services to society and remains committed to the preservation and promotion of arts, culture, traditions, local wisdom, the environment, sports, and the enduring values of Thai society and organizational culture, in addition to fulfilling any other duties assigned by the University Council or the President.





4. Kuakarun Faculty of Nursing

The Kuakarun Faculty of Nursing was formed through the merger of two nursing colleges under the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), each with its own distinct history and identity.

The first was the Vajira Nursing and Midwifery School, which commenced operations on 20 May B.E. 2467 (1924) . It was later upgraded from a school to a college in B.E.2514 (1971), with the mission of producing qualified nurses to address the shortage of nursing personnel in hospitals and BMA Health Service Centers. The second was the Central Hospital School of Nursing, which began operations on 17 May B.E. 2513 (1970).

Recognizing that both institutions shared a common mission and objective, the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration merged their operations. The combined institution received a royal name graciously bestowed by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej "Kuakarun Nursing College" under the Department of Medical Services of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, making it the first nursing education institution of its kind in Bangkok.

Upon the establishment of Navamindradhiraj University, the institution was incorporated as the Kuakarun Faculty of Nursing, effective from B.E. 2553 (2010) onwards.

The Kuakarun Faculty of Nursing holds responsibilities and accountability across a broad range of academic and institutional functions. In terms of educational administration, it oversees teaching quality control, curriculum development, and continuous improvement of educational quality standards, with the goal of producing highly competent graduates in nursing science as well as other nursing and healthcare personnel at all levels.

Beyond education, the Faculty actively promotes and supports research that advances both nursing knowledge and clinical practice. It also serves the wider community through academic consultation and professional advisory services, while remaining committed to the preservation and promotion of national arts, culture, traditions, values, and the environment.

In fulfilling these responsibilities, the Faculty upholds all additional duties as assigned by the university or relevant authorized agencies.



The Kuakarun Faculty of Nursing offers programs at 2 levels

Undergraduate

- Bachelor of Nursing (B.N.S.)
 - Bachelor of Nursing Science Program



Post-graduate

- Master of Nursing Science (M.N.S)
 - Adult and Gerontological Nursing Program
 - Midwifery Program
 - Community Nurse Practitioner Program
 - Emergency Nurse Practitioner Program





5. Institute of Metropolitan Development

In B.E. 2551 (2008), the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) conceived the idea of establishing a "university," recognizing the need to draw upon the invaluable experiences gained through practical work across various areas, as well as the rich experiences of Bangkok as a metropolis, to exchange ideas and find appropriate and concrete solutions. Furthermore, Bangkok still lacked an institution dedicated to producing personnel for the development of public affairs, particularly in the field of Urban Management.

Therefore, in order to serve as a starting point and a model for learning through the concrete application of operational experience (Learning by Doing), the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Regulation on the Urban Development Institute B.E. 2551 (2008) was enacted. This officially established the "Urban Development Institute" to drive the administration and development of Bangkok under the framework of environmental stewardship and the quality of life of urban residents. It was designated as an internal government unit under the Department of City Planning, named the "Urban Development Institute (UDI)" (Urban Green Development Institute: URB-GREEN). In the initial phase of its establishment, the Institute was joined by distinguished scholars, prominent figures, and academics from various fields who served as advisors.

During that period, the operations of the Urban Development Institute of Bangkok focused on promoting and supporting urban research and development. This involved conducting or collaborating on studies, research, and the dissemination of comprehensive knowledge related to urban development, as well as exchanging urban development knowledge at the international level. A key output was the organization of practical training workshops for urban development professionals, senior executives from government agencies, private sector organizations, and state enterprises to learn and share experiences with distinguished resource persons from various fields, and to exchange ideas on comprehensive urban development management through the Senior Executive Training Program in Urban Development Management.

Subsequently, in keeping with the founding spirit of the Urban Development Institute, once the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration had established Navamindradhiraj University, the "Urban Development Institute" was transferred to become a part of the university, and was officially established as the "Institute of Metropolitan Development (IMD)"

The Navamindradhiraj University Council, at its meeting on September 19, 2013, passed a resolution to establish the Institute of Metropolitan Development. This was announced through the Navamindradhiraj University Announcement on the Establishment of University Units (No 2) B.E. 2556 (2013), which was officially published in the Royal Gazette on December 26, B.E. 2556 (2013).

The Institute of Metropolitan Development has the responsibility and duty to manage graduate-level education in order to produce graduates with specialized expertise in fields related to metropolitan and urban development; to conduct research and build collaborative research networks with other agencies to enhance knowledge for urban and metropolitan development; to compile the wisdom and experiences of local scholars into a metropolitan and urban knowledge repository; to provide educational services, research, and information services that will lead to consultation, recommendations, and training to strengthen the human resource capacity of other agencies, thereby contributing to the improvement and development of social affairs; and to perform other duties as assigned by the university's executive administration.

The Institute of Metropolitan Development is one of the academic faculties of Navamindradhiraj University, with a commitment to being an "Academic Institution for Metropolitan Development and Social Service."

The Institute of Metropolitan Development offers programs at 2 levels:

Undergraduate

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
 - Service Innovation Program
 - Major in Aviation Business Services
 - Major in Hospital Services
- Bachelor of Public Administration (B.P.A.)
 - Public Administration Program in Urban Administration and Management



Post-graduate

- Master of Science (M.Sc.)
 - Urban Development and Management Program
- Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)
 - Sustainable Metropolitan Development and Management Program





6. College of Urban Community Development

At the Navamindradhiraj University Council Meeting convened on September 19, 2013, a resolution was passed to establish the Bangkok Metropolitan Urban Community College. In accordance with this resolution, the university issued an announcement regarding the establishment of organizational units within Navamindradhiraj University (No. 2) B.E. 2556 (2013), which was officially published in the Royal Gazette, on December 26, B.E. 2556 (2013).

The institution was subsequently renamed the "College of Urban Community Development" following the Navamindradhiraj University announcement regarding the establishment of organizational units within Navamindradhiraj University (No.3) B.E. 2560 (2017), which was officially published in the Royal Gazette, on May 16, B.E. 2560 (2017).

The College holds comprehensive responsibilities and accountability for managing higher education across academic, professional, and continuing training programs. Its curricula and areas of specialization are carefully designed to align with the evolving needs of urban communities, with the overarching aim of developing the competencies and enhancing the quality of life of residents throughout the Bangkok Metropolitan area.

In fulfilling its broader institutional role, the College actively builds collaborative networks with government agencies, the private sector, and communities both domestically and internationally, fostering partnerships that strengthen its capacity to serve urban society. It conducts research and delivers academic services in close collaboration with units of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, ensuring that its work remains grounded in the practical realities of city life and governance.

The College is equally committed to the preservation and promotion of arts, culture, and local wisdom, recognizing these as essential foundations for sustainable and resilient community living. It further supports the dissemination and transfer of knowledge, builds capacity in various locally relevant areas of expertise, and empowers communities through access to specialized skills and learning opportunities. All additional duties assigned by the university or authorized agencies are carried out in alignment with these core commitments.





The College of Urban Community Development offers programs as follows :

Undergraduate

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
 - Early Childhood Development Program
- Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)
 - Early Childhood Education Program
 - Special Education Program
- Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.)
 - Major in Railway System Maintenance
 - Major in Facility Maintenance
- Bachelor of Management (B.M.)
 - Facility Management Program





7. Faculty of Science and Health Technology

As a higher education institution under the supervision of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Navamindradhiraj University plays a vital role in producing skilled operational personnel to address the complex challenges of urban issues. The university is equally committed to conducting research that builds the knowledge base necessary for developing hospital operational systems, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) systems, and Disaster Medicine management frameworks with the broader aim of identifying effective strategies to cope with the diverse range of disasters that affect urban settings. The University's mission places strong emphasis on promoting a high quality of life for both urban residents and operational personnel, ensuring a state of preparedness for disaster events and enabling effective recovery in their aftermath, a commitment embodied in the concept of Urban Disaster Resilience.

In pursuit of these objectives, Navamindradhiraj University established the Faculty of Science and Health Technology to oversee the management of instruction across multiple curricula and to build multidisciplinary networks, with a particular emphasis on integrating knowledge in urban sciences specifically in the domains of health science and technology. The establishment of the Faculty was approved by resolution of the Navamindradhiraj University Council at its meeting on November 24, 2017. The university subsequently issued an announcement regarding the establishment of organizational units within Navamindradhiraj University (No.3) B.E. 2560 (2017), which was officially published in the Royal Gazette on March 5, B.E. 2561 (2018).

The Faculty of Science and Health Technology holds broad responsibilities and accountability spanning both academic and institutional domains. Its core functions encompass educational administration, curriculum development, comprehensive educational management, and the continuous enhancement of educational quality standards, all directed toward producing highly competent graduates and skilled personnel in the fields of medical science and health technology.

The Faculty is actively engaged in research to advance and deepen knowledge across health science and technology, and serves as a resource for academic and professional consultancy to communities, healthcare organizations, and related agencies at both local and national levels. Beyond its academic mission, the Faculty remains committed to the preservation and promotion of national arts, culture, traditions, customs, local wisdom, the environment, sports, and the values and cultural norms of Thai society. It further carries out any additional duties assigned by the university or authorized agencies.



The Faculty of Science and Health Technology offers programs as follows :

Undergraduate

- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)
 - Disaster Management Program
 - Medical Instruments and Operating Room Technology Program
 - Occupational Health and Safety in Hospitals Program
- Bachelor of Paramedicine (B.PMD)
 - Paramedicine Program
 (in collaboration with Faculty of Medicine Vajira Hospital)





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