

National University ranks first in California among First Americans pursuing master's degrees


From the Wintun and Yana tribal lands of Shasta County to the Kumeyaay and Luiseño reservations of San Diego County, National University provides more master's degrees in all disciplines to Native Americans than any other college or university in California, and ranks among the top 10 U.S. colleges and universities in that category.

From the coastal territories of Chumash heritage to the desert domains of the Cahuilla Indians, there is a National University academic center within driving distance of more than 50 of California's reservations or rancherias.

Even among the more remote Native American communities, such as the Karuk of Humboldt County or the Bridgeport colony of Paiute in Mono County, National University offers accessibility to higher education with 38 online programs and more than 300 online classes.

By specific discipline, National ranks first in California in conferring master's degrees in education to Native Americans, and ranks among the top five in California in granting Native Americans master's degrees in business, management and marketing.

National University offers one of the most diverse student bodies in higher education, and its evening-based one-course-per-month format makes learning accessible to broad spectrum of non-traditional students. For more information, call (800) NAT-UNIV or visit <www.nu.edu>. ♦



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and is pleased to be the leader in California in awarding master's degrees to Native Americans.

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- California's **2nd-largest**, private, nonprofit institution
- WASC accredited
- National ranks **1st in California** in awarding master's degrees in education to Native Americans
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Plagiarism is the practice of passing off someone else's ideas, words, or information as your own. It carries a high penalty if you get caught, and students *do* get caught.

But in the pressure-cooker environment of most colleges and universities today, it is all too easy to succumb to the temptation, especially with so much information – and temptation – now available on the internet.

So what's a poor student to do? In a nutshell: don't succumb! As well, make sure you don't plagiarize unwittingly. Follow these guidelines to maintain your integrity as well as your credentials.

- Give yourself plenty of time to research and write your essay. Do enough research early on to determine if your topic is workable, and to make sure you are familiar enough with the material to write a well-thought out argument.
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- Don't be shy about asking for help. Ask your instructor, teaching assistant, reference librarian, and academic advisors.
- Numerous sites that sell or give away college essays now exist on the Web. These web sites offer actual student papers, which they buy directly from college students. Avoid them like the plague! If you know about them, you can bet your

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- There is another danger with web plagiarism—you may be violating copyright, and in addition to being failed, fined or expelled, you could also be sued.
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Your best defence is a good offense. Know the conventions regarding plagiarism. They can be subtle and complex, so do your homework. Research plagiarism at the library or online, and make check out your university or college policy on plagiarism.

Now go do your homework, digest the research, and write a killer essay! ♦