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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ATA GLANCE

Founded in 1971, National University is one of the largest private nonprofit university in California and among the largest in the United States. Earn your degree at an accelerated pace with our unique one-course-per-month format. Apply any time in the school year. With flexible schedules, weekly events and team sports for international students, get your degree while you experience life in Southern California.

With more than 150,000 alumni, National University offers international students undergraduate and graduate degrees to choose from in Business and Management, Accounting, Engineering and Computing, Health and Human Services, Professional Studies, Arts and Humanities, Mathematics, Science, and more. Online classes are also available to international students.

Known for its superior student services, National University provides:

- Pre-arrival and homestay options
- Personalized academic advising through to graduation
- An accelerated format to earn your degree sooner
- Campuses in Los Angeles and San Diego
- English language programs designed to foster English language acquisition and/or develop the academic skills necessary to excel in future academic programs in all fields of study. Completion of the Academic English program also satisfies the TOEFL and IELTS requirements.

National University is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the same body that accredits all major universities and colleges in the western United States.





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WHY STUDY AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY?

Accreditation: National University has been accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) since 1977, the same body which accredits the other major universities and colleges in the western United States.

In addition, National University is:

- Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)
- Accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE)
- Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)
- A member of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CCAS)
- A member of the American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIEP)
- National Association of Self-Instructional Language Programs (NASILP)
- National Association of International Educators (NAFSA)
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and California TESOL (CATESOL)
- Professional International Educators Roundtable (PIER) – San Diego region
- Approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)
- Approved by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- A member of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)
- Designated as a Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAEIAE)
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)

Size and strength: National University is a nonprofit institution of higher learning in California.

Commitment to students: Quality, access, relevance, pace, affordability, and community are the core values that shape the National University mission and our commitment to our students.

Academic rigor: National University has surpassed nationwide benchmarks measuring the level of academic challenge at four-year colleges and universities for 10 consecutive years.

High completion rate: Approximately 94 percent of graduate international students enrolled at National University completed their degree and 76 percent of undergraduate international students complete their degree.

Alumni: National University alumni have contributed to society through a wide range of leadership positions, including as city mayor, police and fire chiefs, decorated military generals, state superintendents, CEOs, CFOs and philanthropists.

Great locations: Most international students study at National University's San Diego and Los Angeles locations. These cities are renowned for their Mediterranean climates, hospitality, and international flavor. Both cities boast miles of sandy beaches, sunny skies, and wonderful weather that support an amazing array of lifestyles. Surfing, diving, skiing, snowboarding, hiking, Hollywood, Disneyland, Universal Studios, Sea World, Yosemite National Park, zoos and a host of other recreational, dining, and learning experiences are all part of the incredible California culture.

Affordable degrees: National University is committed to providing affordable education. Unlike most universities, at National there is only one tuition rate for all students. That means that international students pay the same fees as an American student. National University's four-year tuition is 60 percent lower than the average four-year private university.

One-course-per-month format: National University teaches in an intensive, one-course-per-month format. This concentrated, focused approach helps international students by promoting greater interest and motivation and providing better overall learning results.

Accelerated study: Using the one-course-per-month format, our students are able to complete 12 courses per year instead of the nine-course format at other universities.

A dynamic balance of theory and practice: The University maintains high academic standards that distinguish its degree-oriented education from technical training. In developing its programs, National University places special emphasis on providing students with the technological tools and research skills students need to gain maximum benefit from their studies. Small class sizes facilitate a high level of faculty attention and involvement.

Scholarships: National University's scholarship programs support and expand its commitment to student success and diversity. Scholarships are awarded on merit, which includes academic scholarship as well as leadership.

The Student Academic Success Center (SASC) provides a variety of services to support students' academic, professional, and personal development.

Pre-arrival and arrival assistance: Students receive extensive guidance in making their preparations for travel to, and arrival in, the United States, including advice on travel, airport arrival assistance, and finding affordable housing off-campus. Homestay options are also available. Students are given a specialized orientation upon arrival.

Diverse, experienced faculty: Our faculty members are recognized for their accomplishments within academia and the workplace. More than 80 percent of the University's full-time faculty hold terminal degrees from significant institutions of higher education throughout the country. Core and adjunct faculty are part-time instructors who are top-notch professionals in the fields in which they teach. These faculty members add a practical component to our courses, providing a vital link to the "real-world" workplace.

Online library and a wide array of other resources: National University's facilities feature state-of-the-art technology. The University's library, which can be visited in person or online, offers research assistance and access to one of the largest e-book collections in the United States. All library electronic services and collections are available at any time of the day or night.

International Programs Office: The dedicated staff of the International Programs Office specialize in maintenance of F-1 status, work authorization and international student advising. Qualified F-1 students are eligible to apply for 12 to 29 months of work experience called Optional Practical Training (OPT). This allows students to gain work experience in their chosen career field.





NATIONAL UNIVERSITY PROGRAM OFFERINGS

National University programs also provide classes on teaching and academic skills, and enable students to explore contemporary American culture.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

National University is a member of the American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIEP) and offers an extensive selection of programs to meet the needs of students and professionals. Courses are led by skilled, experienced instructors with advanced degrees in Teachers of English Language to Speakers of Other Languages, English, linguistics and related fields. Offering more than just new language instruction, each program is designed to provide students with an exploration of contemporary American culture.

University Preparation Program

The University Preparation Program is an intensive program designed for high school graduates, university students, or professionals who plan to attend a U.S. college or university and/or want to improve their academic skills or advance in their career. Courses range from beginning through advanced levels, and cover reading, vocabulary development, grammar and writing, editing, listening, speaking, and presentation skills. Completion of this program waives English proficiency requirements (IELTS, TOEFL) for admittance into National University degree programs.

English Communication Series

The English Communication Series is intended for international students who want to improve their English communication skills while learning more about American culture. The focus of the program is on developing fluency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing through an exploration of American culture.

Academic Preparation Course Series

The Academic Preparation Course series is designed for students seeking to develop essential and advanced academic and critical thinking skills applicable in a variety of undergraduate and graduate-level programs such as health, business, accounting, engineering, computer science, and other fields.

English Camp

The English Camp is for students who want to improve their English conversation skills and learn more about American culture. This short program consists of English language classes to improve the student's conversation and writing skills mixed with various social and recreational activities emphasizing the study of American culture and lifestyle.

English Language Programs

National University's comprehensive selection of English language programs benefit university students and professionals seeking to develop Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills (BICS), foster English language acquisition and learning, advance Academic English skills and performance, and explore global learning and international leadership.

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

If you're looking to enter the business world, change careers, or advance in your current one, National University's School of Business and Management offers the skills you need to compete more effectively in this global economy. The School provides convenient undergraduate and graduate degree programs taught by experienced faculty and business professionals in their fields. Students gain a combination of theory, relevant knowledge, and tools that are needed to succeed.



Mona Tarahomy
Germany, MBA Financial Management

“What I like most about National University is the flexibility of the academic program and the one-course-per-month schedule that NU offers. This kind of intensive schedule helped me to focus better in the topics and grasp the academic content in order to succeed. I would definitely recommend National University to my colleagues, not only because of the effectiveness and learning efficiency of NU’s academic schedule, but also because of the great services for international students such as a writing center, career center and resume development.”

Bachelor of Business Administration

The Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) will give you the tools you need to define your competitive edge and succeed in today's exciting business world. Gain core competencies in marketing, statistics, accounting, economics, finance and management; and then select a concentration that will help you make your mark in business and industry.

Master of Arts in Human Resource Management

Gain the critical skills and knowledge needed to serve as a senior management team member, or as a consultant to organization leadership on human resource management and organizational change issues.

Master of Business Administration

Our MBA program offers specializations in: financial management, human resource management, international business, marketing, organizational leadership, and professional golf management. Each course of study will provide you with a strong foundation of business knowledge and the skills to manage organizations and solve problems throughout your career.

Master of Accountancy

Prepares students for a wide range of accounting-related careers. Some examples include public accounting, corporate accounting, internal auditing, accounting in not-for-profit organizations, and accounting for state and local government agencies such as the IRS, FTB, FBI, and CIA.



ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

The School of Engineering and Computing provides a broad spectrum of academic programs that are challenging and highly technical, with a focus on engineering, computer science, cyber security, and digital media such as gaming and entertainment. Our faculty members not only hold graduate degrees from reputable institutions, they also bring years of industry experience into the classroom from organizations such as Northrop Grumman, IBM, and Qualcomm. Students learn about the latest technologies through hands-on experience, and gain real-world knowledge backed by sound theory that is applicable now and for years to come.

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science or Master of Science in Computer Science

A computer science degree offers a variety of exciting options, including software development, programming languages, algorithm design, robotics, database engineering, and artificial intelligence. Computer Science opens employment doors in industry, government, commerce, and education.

Master of Science in Data Analytics

The Master of Science in Data Analytics program is designed to provide students with a comprehensive foundation for applying statistical methods to solve real-world problems. To address the spectrum of issues in data analytics, this curriculum has been designed to include core courses in statistical topics as well as areas for advanced applications of data analytics in unique fields.

Master of Science in Engineering Management

This degree is designed to bring the benefits of modern management techniques to engineers, scientists, and technologists interested in furthering their skills in engineering management. Unlike traditional MBA programs, this program combines management skills with the student's technical background and experience.

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

Provides students with the mathematical, theoretical, and hands-on skills required for solving real world problems in electrical engineering. Core topics include engineering mathematics, advanced engineering computing, digital signal processing, network systems and security, and engineering economics. Additionally, students will be able to specialize in wireless communications or computer engineering.

Master of Science in Information Technology Management

Students in this program will learn to develop the skills needed to design, build, and manage IT infrastructures, along with career skills such as project management, software development life cycle, database, cyber security, problem solving, collaboration, and critical thinking. Combining a rigorous study of protocols and standards along with hands-on learning activities on state of the art devices, students develop both theoretical and practical skills to help them fill the growing need for information technology management professionals around the world.



LETTERS AND SCIENCES

The College of Letters and Sciences at National University is committed to helping you gain a truly liberal arts education while at the same time achieving personal intellectual growth. National University's College of Letters and Sciences covers the continuum of liberal arts and science education by providing students with programs that are both practical and academically challenging. These programs are designed to cultivate your critical skills for analyzing and communicating important social and professional issues.



Piyarat Ratchanipak
Thailand, Master of Arts
Human Resource Management

“My experience at National University has been remarkable. I made many good friends and I have gained a lot of experience. The staff was so nice and really helpful. They made me feel really welcome and at home. The classes are made to fit with each student’s educational goals and the professors are extremely professional. The atmosphere is something that is unforgettable. The diversity was something that was very interesting. You’ll be making friends from people around the world. Choose National University and you won’t regret it. It was the best decision I ever made in my life.”

Foreign Credential Bridge Program

The Foreign Credential Bridge Program is a pre-qualifying year of undergraduate study for students who have earned a recognized three-year bachelor’s degree outside of the United States and who wish to earn a master’s degree from National University.

Bachelor of Arts in Sport Psychology

The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology program offers a comprehensive introduction to the contemporary discipline of psychology. Graduates of this program are well prepared to seek employment in personnel, vocational counseling, criminal justice, journalism, or entry-level counseling in the context of a county-funded agency or hospital.

Master of Arts in Human Behavior

The Masters of Arts in Human Behavior is designed for people desiring greater knowledge of the behavioral sciences. The degree exposes the student to a wide variety of behavioral topics covering personal, social, and organizational issues. The program is intended for students who have specific ambitions in the fields of supervision, management, and administration.

Master of Forensic Sciences

The Master of Forensic Sciences is a specialized professional degree designed for law enforcement, lab personnel, attorneys, investigators, and other professionals seeking to upgrade their existing skills, as well as individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in the forensic sciences, law, law enforcement, private or governmental laboratories, jails and corrections, and the Medical Examiner’s Office. Areas of specialization in criminalistics and investigation are available.



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The National University School of Health and Human Services offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs that prepare students for careers in the public and clinical healthcare industry. A career in healthcare offers many rewards including making a difference in the lives of patients and populations, intellectual challenge and lifelong learning, excellent compensation and benefits, security, and the ability to work internationally. At National University you'll learn how to provide care and use the latest medical technologies. You'll also develop critical thinking and therapeutic skills that will prepare you for your license and certificate examinations.

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

The Bachelor of Science, Major in Healthcare Administration (BSHA) is an undergraduate professional degree designed to prepare students for entry level administrative/management positions in healthcare organizations. Ideal candidates for the BSHA program are those students looking for career entry in administration and supervisory roles in the healthcare system. Healthcare administration involves the organization, financing and delivery of services to prevent and treat illness and disease, including programs that serve the public and private sectors at all levels—local, state and federal.

Master of Healthcare Administration

The Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) is a graduate professional degree designed to enhance the practice of healthcare administration/management by preparing you for entry level and middle management roles in healthcare organizations. Healthcare management involves the organization, financing and delivery of services to prevent and treat illness and disease, including programs that serve the public and private sectors at all levels—local, state, and federal. Faculty members have expertise in diverse fields such as management, economics, law, medicine, public health, planning, sociology, and statistics. They are united by a common commitment to solving problems and developing innovations related to the access, cost and quality of healthcare.

Master of Public Health

The Master of Public Health (MPH) is a graduate professional degree designed to prepare you for leadership positions in health promotion and disease prevention. Public Health involves multidisciplinary and collaborative strategies for solving health-related problems, including programs that serve the public sector at all levels—local, state, federal, and global. Faculty members have expertise and experience in public health promotion.



PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The School of Professional Studies helps you to improve your community by maintaining and providing excellence and quality in research, public service, law, criminal justice-related fields, and continuing education programs. Degrees and programs available in this department include pre-law studies, criminal justice administration, domestic security management, digital cinema, digital journalism, alternative dispute resolution, and paralegal studies. The Department of Professional Studies also offers bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration.

Master of Public Administration

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is designed for students who want to pursue a career in government management at the federal, state, or local level and nonprofit management. The degree provides a wide range of skills in financial management, budgeting, quantitative methods, urban planning and redevelopment, personnel policies, politics, and grant writing.







STUDY IN LOS ANGELES

Known as the “City of Angels,” Los Angeles is the largest city in California and the second largest city in the U.S.

Home to more than 3.9 million people from all around the world, Los Angeles is a multicultural, metropolitan hub. Throughout the city, you can find various ethnic communities like Little Tokyo, Thai Town, China Town, Korea Town, and Little Ethiopia.

The variety of L.A.’s inhabitants is matched by the range of activities the city has to offer. Home to many working artists, writers, filmmakers, dancers, and musicians, the Los Angeles area is referred to as the “Entertainment Capital” of the world. Hollywood, only 15 miles from National University,

is home to historic L.A. sites like the old Grauman’s (now TCL) Chinese Theatre, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and the famous “Hollywood” sign. Universal Studios, one of the oldest and most famous Hollywood studios still in use, is also a theme park where adults and children can experience movie making with attractions based on popular films. More entertainment awaits you at the city’s major sporting events. Join top Hollywood stars who come out to cheer on the world-famous Los Angeles Dodgers and Los Angeles Lakers—championship-winning teams

that feature players from around the world. There are also more than 300 museums in the Los Angeles area that can be visited year-round. The Getty Museum, for example, features art from the Middle Ages to the present and is well known for its architecture, gardens, and view of Los Angeles.

With constant sunshine and warm weather, Los Angeles's is a great beach town. A quick bus ride from National University and students will find themselves on the shores of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Venice Beach or Santa Monica. Open 365 days of the year and with free admission, the Santa Monica Pier has a variety of entertainment, dining and shopping outlets. In addition to all of the street performers and musicians, the pier also has a roller coaster, Ferris wheel, and an interactive aquarium.

As a student, you will not run out of things to do while studying and living in Los Angeles. A diverse city filled with opportunities and activities, Los Angeles serves as a great home to students from all around the globe.

LOS ANGELES CLIMATE

	Average High °C	Average Low °C
January	19.8	9.4
February	20.8	10.3
March	20.8	11.0
April	22.4	12.3
May	23.3	14.3
June	25.7	16.2
July	28.9	18.1
August	29.2	18.7
September	28.2	18.1
October	26.1	15.7
November	22.4	11.9
December	19.9	9.3





STUDY IN SAN DIEGO

San Diego is known as “America’s Finest City”, a reputation it has earned from its year-round beautiful weather, sunny beaches, 70 miles of breathtaking Pacific Ocean coastline, and a variety of cultural activities.

San Diego is the eighth largest city in the U.S., yet retains a relaxed atmosphere. It is a center for high-tech business: electronics, telecommunications, and biotechnology. Also an active sports city, San Diego is home to the National Football League’s San Diego Chargers and Major League Baseball’s San Diego Padres. The city offers a host of activities including surfing, sailing, golf, biking, hiking, and almost anything else you can think of. And with world

renowned attractions such as the San Diego Zoo, San Diego Zoo Safari Park, Legoland, Sea World, and Sea World’s new Aquatica waterpark, it is no wonder this city attracts 33 million visitors every year.

As a multicultural melting pot, San Diego is abundant in ethnic neighborhoods. Home to the most incredible beaches in Southern California, San Diego's oceanfront communities of Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Ocean Beach, and La Jolla represent the beauty of the California coastline. From outdoor cafés, walks in the sand, and gorgeous sunsets to fine dining, upscale boutiques, and world-class resorts, you can find many things to enjoy in these San Diego neighborhoods. Balboa Park is a must for lovers of art and history. There you can visit a variety of museums (free admission to all museums on Tuesdays) and see one of Shakespeare's famous plays, performed by acclaimed actors, at the Old Globe Theater.

Because of San Diego's ideal location, students also have the opportunity to visit Los Angeles (about two hours by car), San Francisco (1.5 hours by plane), Mexico (45 minutes by car, one hour by trolley), Las Vegas (about five hours by car, about one hour by plane), and Hawaii (about seven hours by plane).

Come study in San Diego and enjoy the sun, sand, surf and much more in this beautiful part of California.

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	Average High °C	Average Low °C
January	18.8	9.4
February	19.2	10.4
March	19.1	11.6
April	20.2	13.1
May	20.6	15.1
June	22.0	16.6
July	24.6	18.7
August	25.4	19.6
September	25.1	18.7
October	23.7	16.1
November	21.1	12.2
December	18.9	9.3

SAN DIEGO CLIMATE



Renu Abesinghe
Sri Lanka, Bachelors of Science in Financial Management

“I am from Sri Lanka and currently finishing my bachelor’s degree in finance at NU. I love my program and it opens many doors to my future career. This is my first study-abroad experience and this is an absolutely unforgettable period of my life. I found welcoming classmates, engaged faculty, and a very supportive staff. Since I became a student ambassador at the International Programs Office, NU became a second family giving me a lot of cross-cultural experiences through education and meeting new friends.”



STUDY ABROAD

National University's Study Abroad program is available for students who want to study in California for one to six months, but are not seeking to complete a degree. The study abroad program includes a flexible schedule, weekly events, and diverse areas of study.

LIFE AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

International students at National University can enjoy a number of fun and interesting activities during breaks from studies. This calendar below is an example of a typical student event schedule.

MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
31 First day of Classes	1	2	3 Mission Bay Paddle Boarding	4	
7	8	9 Employment Workshop	10	11 San Diego Sea World	
14 Natural History Museum	15	16 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION	17 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION	18	
21	22 LinkedIn Workshop	23	24	25 San Diego Zoo	
28	29 One-on-One Resume Reviews	30	1	2 Torrey Pines Hike	

Office of International Affairs
Students Event Calendar



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HOUSING

Living with an American family can also be an invaluable part of your learning experience in America. It is enjoyable and rewarding to both the student and the host family by learning about each other's cultures and lifestyle.

HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestay accommodations are highly recommended for international students who are visiting America for the first time and are looking for the "American Experience". It is an ideal way to be immersed in both the English language and American Culture. Students living in an English speaking homestay are more likely to improve and retain their English language skills as they have more opportunities to interact and practice English with their American host family.

Key features of homestay:

- Student has their own room (unless a shared room is requested) with bed, bedding, wardrobe, desk and desk lamp
- Two meals per day—weekdays, and three meals on the weekend
- Bathrooms (private or shared)
- Laundry facilities
- Access to a telephone (a phone card is needed)
- Security and safety
- Fees: approximately U.S. \$900 per month

ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate Admission: Successful completion of year 12 or equivalent with a minimum GPA of 2.0. ACT/SAT recommended.

Graduate Admission: Four-year bachelor's degree or equivalent with a minimum GPA of 2.5, or completion of National University's Foreign Credential Bridge Program.

Proof of English proficiency, which may be met by one of the following:

- a. Achieving a TOEFL score of
 - i. Undergraduates: 70 (IBT)
 - ii. Graduates: 79 (IBT)
- b. Achieving an IELTS score of at least
 - i. Undergraduates: 5.5, with no band lower than a 5
 - ii. Graduates: 6, with no band lower than a 5
- c. DAAD
 - i. Undergraduate: All from Level A or all from Level B, or a combination of Level A and B only
 - ii. Graduate: All from Level A or all from Level B, or a combination of Level A and B only
- d. Pearson Test of English Academic (PTEA)
 - i. Undergraduate: 50
 - ii. Graduate: 58
- e. International Test of English Proficiency (iTEP)
 - i. Undergraduate: 5
 - ii. Graduate: 5
- f. Certificate of Proficiency in English with a C grade or higher
- g. Certificate of Advanced English with a C grade or higher
- h. Completion of an approved intensive English language program

Monthly application deadline: Four months prior to desired start date is suggested.

TUITION

At National University, International students pay the same tuition as American students. And our four-year tuition is 60 percent lower than the average four-year private college. Please contact a National University international advisor for current tuition rates.

Prepayment Requirement: Prior to arrival, tuition fees are due for the first three enrolled courses.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Founded in 1971, National University is the cornerstone of The National University System, established in 2001 to meet the emerging challenges and demands of education in the 21st century. The System is uniquely aligned to connect a diverse population of students to a network of innovative educational programs that are relevant to their lives, careers, and the marketplace, and are delivered in a format that respects competing life priorities. In addition to National University, The System includes John F. Kennedy University; City University of Seattle; the Division of Pre-College Programs, which includes National University Virtual High School and the National University Academy; and WestMed College.

HEALTH INSURANCE

We estimate that one full year of health insurance will cost approximately \$700-\$1,000 USD (single coverage). Students will need to show proof of medical insurance prior to their first day of class.

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