NATIVE AMERICAN
STUDENT EXPERIENCE
WE CAN’T WAIT TO MEET YOU.

When you attend the University of California, Riverside (UCR), you attend the first campus in the UC system to have an office dedicated to Native American student support. You’re on a campus where nearly half of the students are minorities, half qualify as low-income and more than half are the first in their families to go to college.

Doors open here. You can access leadership opportunities, conduct undergraduate research, ignite academic passions and make remarkable contributions right away. You’re at a school where students describe their administration as responsive, eager to listen and open to discourse.

Here, you’re part of the most talented, driven student body in the world — known for giving back and changing the world. We can’t wait to meet you and help you do just that.

go.ucr.edu/native
“It’s important to remember that you’re not alone and that you’re exactly where you belong.”
LEEANA MICAE LA ESPINOZA SALAS (CAHUILLA)
Third-Year, Media and Cultural Studies

Often times, being a minority on a campus can be intimidating. It’s important to remember that you’re not alone and that you’re exactly where you belong. As a first-generation student, it’s been challenging to navigate the system without guidance from my family. But at UCR, we’re fortunate to have a large number of Native American staff and faculty to assist us with our journey. I appreciate UCR because of its diverse population and resources. In every aspect of student life, there are opportunities for representation and success.

JOSHUA THUNDER LITTLE (OGLALA LAKOTA)
Fourth-Year, History and Native American Studies

As a Native American student at UCR, I feel respected. I love that UCR is a diverse campus that provides spaces for students to have discussions and learn from each other. I also appreciate the support from Native American Student Programs. I chose UCR because of its majors and the faculty conducting indigenous-based research. I aspire to be a professor of Native American History/Studies and UCR has programs that will help me with my career. UCR is a campus that welcomes everybody and provides a strong sense of community. I have truly enjoyed my time here.

“I love that UCR is a diverse campus that provides spaces for students to have discussions and learn from each other.”
“Having a resource center like Native American Student Programs has been vital to my experience here at UCR, and made it all the more successful, memorable and fulfilling.”

LeeAna Micaela Espinoza Salas (Cahuilla)  
Third-Year, Media and Cultural Studies
We are proud to be the first University of California campus to have an office dedicated to American Indian student support (and one of only a few in the system). Since 1980, Native American Student Programs (NASP) has supported American Indian students through peer mentors programs, leadership opportunities, outreach and more.

Learn more at nasp.ucr.edu
WE RANK HIGH IN WHAT MATTERS.

#1 in the nation for affordability, graduation rates and financial aid – Time Magazine, 2014

#1 in the nation for Pell Grant performance – Washington Monthly, 2016

#1 in California (and #2 in the nation) for Black graduation rates – Education Trust, 2017

#2 in the nation for contributing to the public good – Washington Monthly, 2015

#3 best college in the nation for Hispanic students – BestColleges.com, 2016

#3 in the nation for community service participation – Washington Monthly, 2016

4th most diverse college in the nation – Forbes, 2016

Top 10 public research universities with the most low-income students – Brookings Institute, 2017


Top 100 safest colleges in the nation – Alarms.org, 2017
UCR is “recognized nationally as one of the few public research universities with no racial disparity in graduation rates.”

LOS ANGELES TIMES
FACULTY

WORK CLOSELY WITH BRILLIANT FACULTY.

**Melanie K. Yazzie (Diné/Navajo)**
Assistant Professor of Gender and Sexuality Studies
Yazzie specializes in feminism, violence studies, indigenous critiques of liberalism and colonialism, the politics of life/death and Diné studies. She uses critical approaches to examine gender and sexuality, water, Native and Navajo history, indigenous social movements, colonialism and decolonization, political theory, class, urban Indian experience, capitalism, the politics of knowledge production and more.

**Gerald Clarke (Cahuilla)**
Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies/Native American Studies
Clarke’s powerful artwork appears throughout the United States and is included in several prominent museum collections including the Autry Museum of the American West and the Heard Museum. He served on the Cahuilla Tribal Council as vice chairman and as the Southern California representative to the California Association of Tribal Governments. He says that working with his hands keeps him sane and that he uses his art to express the passion, pain and reverence he feels as a contemporary Native person.

**Kimberly Norris Guerrero (Colville, Salish-Kootenai, Cherokee)**
Assistant Professor of Theatre, Film and Digital Production
Guerrero is an actor, writer, director and founding member of the award-winning indigenous filmmaking team The StyleHorse Collective. She has many acting credits to her name including “The Cherokee Word for Water” (named the best Indian film of the last 40 years by the American Indian Film Institute), “Seinfeld,” and the Tony Award-winning “August: Osage County” which she performed on Broadway and in London and Australia.

**Wesley Y. Leonard (Miami)**
Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies/Native American Studies
Leonard examines the social factors entwined with Native American language endangerment and reclamation. As a citizen of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, he has focused on the reclamation of his tribal nation’s language, myaamia, once labeled “extinct,” but actually widely used by the Miami people. He is interested in developing culturally appropriate ways of applying tools of linguistics for reclaiming sleeping languages.
UCR has more Native American faculty members than any other UC.

Clifford Trafzer (Wyandot-German)
_Distinguished Professor of History_
_Rupert Costo Chair of American Indian Affairs_

Trafzer is an award-winning writer and longtime advocate of American Indian education. He has played a key role at UCR in working with administration to hire more Native faculty, create an intertribal community college (in development) and build one of the best interdisciplinary Native American Studies programs in the world.
Mallory Marcus (Cahuilla) achieved a new career high in 2016 with 0.88 digs per set (and nine digs in one match). Marcus is also a skilled bird dancer and participated with her parents in a blessing ceremony for the California Center for Native Nations.
Run, climb, lift weights and swim at your incredible Student Recreation Center. Learn more at recreation.ucr.edu.

Packed events, big-time athletics and crazy-fun concerts electrify student life at UCR. Learn more at rsid.ucr.edu and gohighlanders.ucr.edu.
A CAMPUS OF FIRSTS

1st American Indian chair endowment in the world

1st (and only) UC to offer a Native American history Ph.D.

1st UC to have an office dedicated to American Indian student support
UC to have 15+ Native American faculty members.

1st university with a graduate from a California reservation.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

Founded in 1954

Part of the prestigious University of California system

Located in Riverside, CA

Top 10 “Coolest Cities” in the U.S. (Forbes)


23,000+ students

1,200 park-like acres

277 sunny days per year
HONOR THE PAST, CREATE THE FUTURE.

You can conduct undergraduate research at the California Center for Native Nations, a UCR research center that connects tribes with UC expertise to solve problems unique to Native nations. Find out more at ccnn.ucr.edu.

Native American scholars/activists Rupert and Jeannette Costa helped found UCR. They also endowed the first American Indian chair in the world here and donated all of their papers, recordings and photos (which you can see in UCR’s Rivera Library).
When a teacher urged her to go to college, Linton chose UCR and became the first American Indian from a California reservation to attend a university. She earned a degree in experimental psychology, then became the first American Indian to earn a doctorate in psychology (University of California, Los Angeles). She co-founded both the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), and received the 2009 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. Today, she remains a tireless advocate for American Indians earning advanced degrees in the sciences.

“There’s probably no day of my life that I don’t use skills or knowledge I acquired at UC Riverside.”

Marigold Linton

SHE CHOSE US

Marigold Linton, Ph.D. (Cahuilla-Cupeño) Class of 1958

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MAKE FRIENDS AND MAKE MEMORIES.

ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS

Native American Student Programs (NASP)
nasp.ucr.edu
As the first office in the UC system dedicated to serving American Indian students, NASP has been supporting students for more than 30 years. They will connect you to everything from scholarships and fellowships, to peer mentor programs and research opportunities.

BE ACTIVE
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)
Graduate American Indian Alliance (GAIA)
Native American Student Association (NASA)
Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Natives in Sciences (SACNAS)

BE SUPPORTED
SERVICES
Academic tutoring and referrals
Intertribal Connect (peer mentor program)
Native American outreach to local Native nations, tribal schools, Native nonprofits and tribal TANFs
Scholarships and fellowships

BE PRESENT
EVENTS
Annual Medicine Ways Conference
Annual Spirit of the Tribes 5K Run/Walk; 1K and ½ K Kids’ Fun Runs
Annual UCR Pow Wow
College Exploration Day
Community College Day
Gathering of the Tribes Summer Residential Program
NASP Lecture Series
Native American Graduation Banquet
Native American Heritage Month
Native American Student Programs Welcome
Native Jam Night
Weekly Drum Circle

“"The first thing I noticed about UCR is the unity between students of all ethnicities and backgrounds. Everyone on campus takes pride in their own ethnicities and groups, yet students never fail to support one another."

Raelyn Castillo (Apache), Third-Year, Neuroscience
WE SEE YOU.
WE HEAR YOU.
WE SUPPORT YOU.

From our historic Ethnic and Gender Programs, to our forward-thinking Student Health and Wellness Services — you have a safety net at UCR. So many people are here for you, ready to be your advocates, your encouragers, your listeners and your guides.

**Ethnic & Gender Programs**
- African Student Programs
- Asian Pacific Student Programs
- Chicano Student Programs
- LGBT Resource Center
- Middle Eastern Student Center
- Native American Student Programs
- Undocumented Student Programs
- Women’s Resource Center

**More Student Support Services**
- Academic Resource Center (ARC)
- Career Center
- Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)
- First-Year Programs
- Highlander One-Stop Shop (HOSS)
- International Students & Scholars Office (ISSO)
- Peer Mentor Programs
- R’Pantry
- Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC)
- Student Health Services (SHS)
- Student Recreation Center (SRC)
- Study Abroad
- The WELL
- University Honors
- Veterans Services

Resources:
- [asp.ucr.edu](http://asp.ucr.edu)
- [apsp.ucr.edu](http://apsp.ucr.edu)
- [csp.ucr.edu](http://csp.ucr.edu)
- [out.ucr.edu](http://out.ucr.edu)
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- [studenthealth.ucr.edu](http://studenthealth.ucr.edu)
- [recreation.ucr.edu](http://recreation.ucr.edu)
- [studyabroad.ucr.edu](http://studyabroad.ucr.edu)
- [well.ucr.edu](http://well.ucr.edu)
- [honors.ucr.edu](http://honors.ucr.edu)
- [studentlife.ucr.edu/veterans](http://studentlife.ucr.edu/veterans)
APPLYING IS EASY.

First-Year Students

Admission Requirements
• 15 completed “a-g” high school courses
• GPA of 3.0 or higher (3.4 out-of-state) in “a-g” (grades C or above)
• Scores from ACT with Writing, SAT or SAT with Essay. SAT Subject Tests are optional.
• Learn more about the “a-g” requirements at hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist.

Transfer Students

Admission Requirements
• 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units with minimum 2.4 GPA (2.8 out-of-state). (Some majors require a higher GPA.)
14 semester (21 quarter) units may be Pass/Not Pass.
• Completed (with C's or better) UC Seven Course Pattern: two English, one math, four from two of: arts/humanities, social/behavioral science, physical/biological science. Classes must be transferable and at least three semester (four to five quarter) units. Use uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu to track your progress.

• Use assist.org to find out if your classes will transfer and see the prerequisites and minimum GPA for your major (all transferable coursework will be taken into account).
• Did you know that by meeting certain requirements you can guarantee your transfer admission to UCR? Learn more at go.ucr.edu/tag.

How to Apply (All Students)

1. Gather transcripts, test scores, income, social security number (if applicable), payment method, and activities and achievements notes.
2. Answer the personal insight questions.
3. Complete the UC application starting August 1. Submit it November 1-30. You may apply to waive the $70 fee.
4. Print your receipt and watch for an email about how to access your MyUCR admission portal account — the fastest way to check your admission status.
TURN YOUR PASSION INTO YOUR PROFESSION.

Choose from nearly 100 majors, four colleges and three graduate schools — including the newest medical school in the UC system.

Find your program at admissions.ucr.edu/academics.
WE CARE ABOUT YOUR DREAMS, NOT YOUR WALLET.

Every student, regardless of income, who dreams big and works hard should be able to graduate from the greatest public university system in the world. That’s why we will do everything we can to help you pay for school.

Apply for financial aid no matter what.

Complete a FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov and a GPA form at csac.ca.gov to apply for the most aid. If you are an undocumented student, complete a CA Dream Act application at dream.csac.ca.gov and a GPA form at csac.ca.gov to apply for the most aid.

It costs less than you think.

70 percent of UCR undergrads have their tuition and fees fully covered by grants and scholarships, and about 85 percent of UCR undergrads get financial aid. Visit go.ucr.edu/estimate to estimate the aid that you would get at UCR.

We’re #1 in the nation for Pell Grant performance.

That means that we admit students who meet our high standards, but aren’t necessarily wealthy. Nearly half of UCR undergrads qualify as low-income, and we enroll more low-income students than all of the Ivy League institutions combined.

UCR is a good investment.

Within five years of graduating, Pell Grant recipients typically earn more than their families. UCR students graduate with a salary potential in the top 12 percent of 461 leading public universities.

Sources: Washington Monthly, The Brookings Institution, UC Accountability Report, UC Institutional Research, UC Federal Governmental Relations, PayScale.com

Tuition & Fees: $13,917-15,675
Out-of-State: $43,689
Room & Board: $6,100-17,000

These are estimates based on average student expenses. Actual charges are subject to change. Get the details at admissions.ucr.edu/cost.
## WAYS TO PAY

If you qualify, the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan covers **100 percent of your systemwide tuition and fees!**
Learn more at [universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold).

If you qualify, the Middle Class Scholarship covers **up to 40 percent of your systemwide tuition and fees.**
Learn more at [csac.ca.gov/mcs.asp](http://csac.ca.gov/mcs.asp).

Complete a FAFSA at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) and a GPA form at [csac.ca.gov](http://csac.ca.gov) to apply for the most aid.

**Dreamers:** If you are an undocumented student, complete a CA Dream Act application at [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov) and a GPA form at [csac.ca.gov](http://csac.ca.gov) to apply for the most aid.

You are automatically considered for scholarships when you apply to UCR, including the $10,000 Regents’ Scholarship and $8000 UCR Achievement Scholarship for out-of-state students.

See a full list of scholarships for Native American students at [nasp.ucr.edu/programs/scholarships](http://nasp.ucr.edu/programs/scholarships).

Contact NASP at [nasp@ucr.edu](mailto:nasp@ucr.edu) to apply for the Marigold Linton Scholarship.

NASP offers a Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Fellowship for students pursuing graduate studies and research pertaining to the American Indian community. Contact [nasp@ucr.edu](mailto:nasp@ucr.edu) to learn more.

Learn more about how to pay for school without going into debt at [finaid.ucr.edu](http://finaid.ucr.edu).

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