

# GENERAL CATALOG

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**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL**

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*"My instructor is dedicated to enhancing my learning experience and connecting to me as a person. I have asked her numerous questions about various assignments, and she consistently answered both quickly and thoroughly. I appreciate the amount of effort she contributed to this class."*

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KRISTEN  
DAYTONA BEACH, FL

# WELCOME

Dear Parents and Students,

We are delighted to have you as part of the National University Virtual High School (NUVHS) community during this academic year. As in previous years, NUVHS has some exciting new developments and we are pleased to share them with you.

Throughout the 2014 school year, NUVHS will continue to focus efforts on sustaining academic excellence for all students and ensuring each student receives a quality college preparatory learning experience that is interactive, relevant, and academically rigorous. These efforts include completing a multi-tiered revision process for our online courses that includes integration of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). In addition to ensuring NUVHS students possess the 21st century skills necessary for success in college and careers, NUVHS will provide increased opportunities for students to participate in extra and co-curricular activities that further enhance the student experience.

To support our extensive college prep and Advanced Placement (AP®) course offerings, NUVHS now offers an Online SAT Prep Course. Offered in partnership with PREPWORKS, who is a worldwide award-winning provider of adaptive learning technology, NUVHS students can now study for the SAT test anytime and anywhere on their laptop or mobile device. All students receive diagnostic assessments to target their learning level and put them on a path to academic success. Additional course details and registration information can be found within this catalog.

As we begin the new academic year, we would like to share some of our school's accomplishments during the 2012-13 academic year:

- Completed Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation review and received WASC accreditation for a term of six years
- Received approval for the submission of the AdvancEd mid-term report that supports current accreditation across 37 states nationally
- National University affiliation provided dual enrollment in college courses, grant funded scholarship opportunities, and student concierge services support seven days a week
- Served over 3,270 students, which increased student enrollments by 21 percent from the 2011-12 academic year
- Increased school enrollment presence across 43 counties in California, 44 states nationally, and three international locations
- Reauthorized courses by University of California (UC a-g), NCAA, NAIA, and CollegeBoard
- Expanded instructional staff to 30 full-time and adjunct faculty
- Increased school-wide community through the implementation of virtual student interest clubs

As a 21st century institution of teaching and learning, we remain committed to ensuring that all NUVHS students receive the support necessary to attain academic excellence.

Welcome to the new academic year!



Darren Smith  
Director  
National University Virtual High School



Nancy Rohland-Heinrich  
Vice Chancellor, Pre-College Programs  
National University System

## MISSION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES:

### NUVHS Mission Statement

National University Virtual High School is committed to providing interactive, media-rich educational opportunities in a flexible, student-centered learning environment to a diverse population of learners.

### NUVHS Core Values

#### Innovation

National University Virtual High School provides an innovative opportunity for students to attain a rigorous high school education over the Internet. The online learning platform enhances student learning through the use of multimedia to augment student learning. Course content and resources allow students to access learning opportunities related to topical areas through the Internet to enhance 21st century learning skills.

#### Opportunity

NUVHS provides online access to a high school education, creating opportunities for learning to students with a variety of educational needs including credit recovery, academic acceleration, or grade improvement. Further, the school's year-round open enrollment policy provides students greater access and flexibility to courses on a more flexible schedule.

#### Achievement

The flexible student learning format aligns NUVHS courses with state and national standards so that students have the opportunity to increase their achievement. Students demonstrate their ability to perform academically in alternative learning environments, and have access to individualized attention from teachers to maximize achievement potential. Students determine their readiness for testing and assessment on course subject matter, offering them numerous opportunities for individual goal setting. This results in a more independent, achievement-oriented learning process for each student.

#### Collaboration

Collaboration on an organizational level occurs through the school's relationship with National University and other National University System affiliates. Collaboration also occurs through the collective efforts with other traditional schools as well as various other districts within and outside California. Opportunities for collaboration among students and teachers avail themselves through the online course design and tools including asynchronous discussion boards, document sharing, and webliography opportunities. Synchronous communication opportunities also exist.

*"I liked that I could do the assignments at my own speed. I did not have to worry that I would not know what was going on in class because I had not finished my assignment. It was helpful to access my course on a 24/7 basis."*

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JULIA  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

Other collaborative initiatives include completion of the Student/Parent Compact as part of the admissions paperwork; the routine student progress reports; and the provision of constant, real-time access to a student's online gradebook.

### Flexibility

In the instructional setting, teachers have the opportunity to focus on individual student needs, adapting the teaching process to the different learning styles, paces, and levels for each student. This same flexibility in learning lends itself nicely to the organization's self-paced and open enrollment format. Students can accelerate their completion of materials they understand and spend more time in areas of the course or subject matter in which they may have some difficulty. This core value permeates the services and course delivery structure of the school.

## NUVHS EXPECTED SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING RESULTS (ESLRS)

It is expected that National University virtual High School students will be:

### Engaged Learners

- Demonstrate self-directed learning skills such as time management and personal responsibility through completion of course requirements
- Develop an understanding of their own preferred learning styles to enhance overall academic potential
- Incorporate effective and relevant Internet and multimedia resources in the learning process to broaden knowledge base
- Develop lifelong learning skills

### Critical Thinkers

- Effectively analyze and articulate sound opinions on a variety of complex concepts
- Illustrate a variety of problem-solving strategies that strengthen college preparation and workforce readiness
- Formulate a framework for applying a variety of technology and Internet-based research to enhance information literacy and collaborative thinking

### Effective Communicators

- Demonstrate awareness and sensitivity to tone and voice in multiple forms of communication
- Express concepts and ideas in a variety of forms
- Enhance communication skills through the use of media-rich technology or other resources

### Global Citizens

- Appreciate the value of diversity
- Understand the range of local and international issues facing today's global community
- Demonstrate awareness of the importance of cultural sensitivity and social responsibility in the 21st century

### SAT Prep Course

Students can now achieve their best SAT score by enrolling in the NUVHS Online SAT Prep Course. Offered in partnership with PREPWORKS, a recognized provider of innovative content-rich programs to foster educational excellence, NUVHS students can study for the SAT test anytime and anywhere. The SAT Prep Course includes:

- High-definition instructional videos teach concepts used in the SAT exam and can be viewed on a laptop, smartphone, or tablet
- Thousands of real test questions geared toward each student's individual performance levels
- Weekly live online help from instructors via video, chat, and screen sharing
- Entry, midterm, and exit diagnostics to monitor progress and identify each student's strengths and weaknesses
- Real-time progress reports for students, parents, teachers, and administrators
- 12-month course access to provide students with extended access to achieve their optimum test score

Contact our Student Services Department at (866) 366-8847 to enroll.

### Access to College Courses:

NUVHS offers students an opportunity to enroll in preapproved general education courses through National University as another avenue toward completing high school requirements. Eligibility for the program is based on prior academic achievement and grade level, and is reviewed by NUVHS administration prior to approval.

*"I was able to balance my course schedule and studying with my other commitments, and I learned how to be more independent in my school work because of NUVHS."*

IAN  
ENNIS, TX

## NUVHS COURSES:

COURSE TITLE	UC	NCAA
<b>ENGLISH</b>		
English 9 A/B	■	■
English 10 A/B	■	■
English 11 A/B	■	■
English 12 A/B	P	■
AP® Literature and Composition A/B	■	■
AP® Language and Composition A/B	■	■
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>		
Pre-Algebra A/B	NA	NA
Algebra I A/B	■	■
Algebra II A/B	■	■
Geometry A/B	■	■
Pre-Calculus A/B	P	■
Statistics A/B	P	■
AP® Calculus A/B	■	■
AP® Calculus B/C	■	■
<b>SCIENCE</b>		
Biology A/B	NA	■
Chemistry A/B	NA	■
Physics A/B	NA	■
Earth Science A/B	NA	■
Marine Science A/B	NA	■
Advanced Biology A/B	NA	■
Advanced Chemistry A/B	NA	■
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b>		
Spanish I A/B	■	■
Spanish II A/B	■	■
Spanish III A/B	■	■
Arabic I A/B	P	■
Arabic II A/B	P	■
Persian I A/B	P	■
Persian II A/B	P	■

List pertains to the 2013-2014 academic year or course list.

COURSE TITLE	UC	NCAA
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>		
World History A/B	■	■
US History A/B	■	■
American Government	■	■
Economics	■	■
AP® European History A/B	■	■
AP® Government	■	■
AP® US History A/B	■	■
AP® Economics (Macro)	■	■
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>		
Sports Training	NA	NA
Nutrition & Weight Training	NA	NA
Independent Study P.E.	NA	NA
<b>FINE ARTS</b>		
Digital Photography Proficient	NA	NA
Digital Photography Advanced	NA	NA
Art History A/B	NA	NA
Art Foundation A/B	NA	NA
<b>OTHER ELECTIVES</b>		
Introduction to Computers	NA	NA
Introduction to Health Science Careers	NA	NA
Introduction to Journalism	P	NA
Geography	■	■
Survey of Humanities	■	P
Health	NA	NA
Game Theory	NA	NA
CAHSEE Math Prep	NA	NA
Psychology	■	■
Sociology	■	■
Financial Literacy	P	NA
Introduction to Philosophy	■	■
<p>■ = <b>Approved</b>                      P = <b>Pending</b>                      NA = <b>Not Applicable</b></p>		

UC - University of California certified "a-g"  
 NCAA - Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse

## ADMISSIONS:

### Full-Time Students

Full-time students attend NUVHS for their high school program of study with the intent to graduate and receive a diploma from NUVHS. Full-time students are required to register for six courses per semester.

The following materials are required for a full-time student enrollment:

- Application for Admission
- Document Record
- Enrollment Agreement
- Release of Transcript Form
- Student/Parent/School Compact
- Official Transcripts
- Immunization Record
- Non-Refundable Application Fee of \$60

NUVHS requires all incoming full-time students to have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better. A student applicant with a GPA below 2.0 may be admitted on probationary status if the student demonstrates sufficient evidence of his/her potential to successfully complete college preparatory high school courses.

A student will be released from probationary status when he/she shows proficiency in three consecutive NUVHS classes with a cumulative GPA of "C" or better. Probationary status students who do not maintain a 2.0 GPA during their first three courses may be subject to dismissal.

NUVHS permits students to attend one term of courses prior to receiving an official transcript only if an unofficial transcript is provided or verbal verification of the student's GPA from a school administrator is provided. NUVHS assumes no responsibility for courses taken in duplication prior to receipt and review of a student's official transcripts. The NUVHS staff will work with parents/guardians to ensure that all admissions requirements are met. As part of graduation requirements, all NUVHS students must meet institutional residency requirements of a minimum of 12 semester courses or 60 semester units completed through NUVHS.

### Part-Time Students

Part-time students are students who take NUVHS classes as a supplement to another program/course of study. Part-time students typically take one to two courses per semester. These students may take NUVHS courses for a variety of reasons including remediation, acceleration, Advanced Placement examination preparation, college acceptance, or general enrichment.

Part-time students who wish to transfer NUVHS credits

to their primary high school must present an approved Course Transferability Verification Form to NUVHS administration. The transferability of credit is not determined by NUVHS, but rather the student's primary institution. Upon request, the NUVHS staff is available to connect with the counselor of the student's primary institution to provide information regarding NUVHS courses and curriculum.

For successful part-time student enrollment, the following materials are required:

- Application for Admission
- Document Record
- Enrollment Agreement
- Student/Parent/School Compact
- Release of Transcript Form
- Non-Refundable Application Fee of \$60
- Course Transferability Verification Form

## FACULTY:

NUVHS employs California-credentialed teachers who are highly qualified under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and who provide a high level of student support. All instructors hold current teaching credentials and many also possess master's and doctoral degrees. All teachers have also been trained to teach effectively in an online environment and create a strong virtual learning experience. The faculty and curriculum developers understand the unique paradigm of online education and are well-versed in providing the personal one-on-one attention students need to be successful online.

*"I just wanted to let you know that our son got accepted into all of his top school choices! We wanted to thank you for all your work with him. He scored in the 96th percentile in math!"*

PARENT OF  
PREPWORKS SAT PREP COURSE STUDENT

*"My NUVHS course was really clear and detailed and broke information down into small concepts so I could learn a step at a time. This was much more helpful than trying to figure it out from a textbook. The online format is more interactive than classroom rote learning; much better."*

SAMANTHA  
FRESNO, CA

## RESOURCES AND SUPPORT:

### Textbooks

Many courses require the purchase of textbook and other related materials. The cost of textbooks varies based on the course. Students are responsible to purchase all books and supplies necessary for the course in which they are enrolled and should acquire all materials prior to beginning coursework. Some courses may not require textbooks and others may include access to an online textbook free of charge. For more information, please reference the Textbook List available on the NUVHS website.

### NU Library

All students have access to extensive library services through the National University Library System (NULS). Students have 24/7 access to a wide range of online books and articles as well as fast and free access to the extensive collection of print resources housed in the Central Library. All NUVHS students may access the library resources through the NUVHS homepage by clicking on "Library".

### NU Math and Writing Centers

NUVHS students also have full access to National University's Writing and Math Centers. The Writing Center offers individual tutoring sessions online, by phone, or at a National University campus. For information on how to schedule an appointment please visit the National University Writing Center and Math Center pages on the National University website, [www.nu.edu](http://www.nu.edu). Students can also access these services from the NUVHS website at [www.nuvhs.org](http://www.nuvhs.org) under the "Student Services" section. Additional links on this page also provide helpful information in preparing for exams, managing classroom time and course completion, and succeeding in online courses.

### NU Career Center

Students also have access to the Career Center sponsored by National University. The Career Center offers easy-to-use online resources on numerous career services - from counseling to career assessments to resume/cover letter writing assistance. Online services through this department provide convenient and helpful resources, counseling, and guidance.

### Student Concierge Services

In conjunction with the National University System, NUVHS students and parents also have access to the Student Concierge Services (SCS), which provides another level of student support. SCS is prepared to answer many questions about NUVHS and its courses. Support is provided by phone by calling 1-866-366-8847 between 7 a.m. and midnight seven days a week.

## TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

NUVHS is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. Unlike public schools, NUVHS receives no government funding and is a tuition-based institution dedicated to providing quality, rigorous high school education to all students.

### Tuition Payments

Tuition payment is due on or before the start date of the class. Tuition payments may be made by check or money order through the mail or by credit card.

Checks and money orders should be made out to National University Virtual High School and mailed to:

11355 North Torrey Pines Road  
La Jolla, CA 92037

Current tuition rates are:

- \$295 per semester course
- \$375 per semester Advanced Placement (AP®) course



## Scholarships

NUVHS has limited scholarship opportunities for math and science courses, made available through a grant provided to the school. Scholarship information is available on the school website including specific scholarship requirements and all required application forms. Typically scholarships do not cover the application fee of \$60, and are intended to help reduce tuition costs rather than cover the full cost of tuition.

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

### System Requirements (Windows Users):

- Windows 7, XP or Vista
- High-speed Internet connection (e.g. DSL, cable, etc.)
- Soundcard and speakers

### System Requirements (Mac OS User)

- OS X 10.7 (Lion) or 10.8 (Mountain Lion) Recommended
- High-speed Internet connection (e.g. DSL, cable, etc.)
- Soundcard and speakers

### Screen Resolution

We recommend setting your screen resolution to 1280 x 1024 or better. If you currently see a horizontal scroll bar at the bottom of your screen and would like to eliminate this, you can do so by resizing your screen. If you need help with your screen settings please refer to the instructions below for instructions on resizing your screen.

### Resizing Your Screen

#### To check the resolution setting for Windows:

- Go to the Start Menu on the lower left corner of your screen.
- Select the Control Panel option.
- Choose the Display icon.
- Select the Adjust Screen Resolution link.
- In the drop down menu for the Resolution topic, make sure the setting is at 1280 x 1024 or higher. (If it is not already on 1280 x 1024 or higher, move the slider to change this setting).

#### To check the resolution settings for Macintosh:

- Click on the Apple menu on the top left corner of your screen.
- Select the System Preferences menu option.
- Under the Hardware topic, choose the Displays icon.
- In the Resolutions box, highlight a resolution of 1280 x 1024 or higher.

## Browser Requirements

### Windows Users

Recommended Version:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 11.0
- Mozilla Firefox 26.0
- Google Chrome 32.0

Supported versions:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer
- Mozilla Firefox
- Google Chrome

### Mac OS User

Recommended versions:

- Mozilla Firefox 26.0
- Google Chrome 32.0

**Note:** The Safari web browser is not currently compatible with the eCollege Learning Management System and our MyMathLab courses.

Supported versions:

- Mozilla Firefox
- Google Chrome

## Feature Requirements

### Windows Users

ClassLive Pro

- 256 MB RAM
- Intel processor
- Soundcard with speakers and microphone or headset
- Java Plugin – Download & install the latest version of Java for Windows (<http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp>).

### Mac OS Users

ClassLive Pro

- 256 MB RAM
- Mac OS X 10.7.5 (Lion) or OS X 10.8 (Mountain Lion) or later
- Soundcard with speakers and microphone or headset
- Java Plugin – Download & install the latest version of Java for Mac (<http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp>).

## **Additional Information**

### **E-mail Account**

You will need a personal e-mail account to receive communications from within your course. If an account is not provided by your school, you may sign up for one with any third party e-mail system (EX. Yahoo, Google, Hotmail, Comcast, etc...). We suggest you avoid using special characters (like +, &, \$, etc.) in your e-mail address, as they can cause problems with some systems and make it difficult for messages to reach the intended mailbox. Be sure to save both your instructor's e-mail address and the eCollege e-mail address of "e-mail@schoolmail.org" in your computer's address book.

### **Avoiding Inactivity Timeout**

The course website will timeout after about 30 minutes of inactivity. If the site has timed out, simply log in again at the course login page:  
<http://www.nuvhs.org/Login/index.html>.

**Note:** Courseware cannot be accessed using MSN TV (formerly Web TV). Satellite and cellular Internet connections: If this is the only connection you have access to please note that you may experience sporadic issues while working in your online courses. If you report these problems to the Helpdesk, we will attempt to address them with your satellite or cellular connection provider.

*"I have definitely learned a lot about independent learning and feel that my eagerness to learn has really shown through deciding to take an online class. Through a tough mid-year change of schools I went from a high school doing three classes a day half the year to a school that overwhelmed me with seven classes a day. Also juggling a varsity sport and a vigorous SAT class I took on a lot this year and had to learn proper prioritizing and balance. This class had a big part in helping me stay disciplined since the material is entirely on me to learn and do."*

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JUSTIN  
SAN DIEGO, CA



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## CONTACT US

Thank you for taking the time to review our general catalog. If you would like to receive information from National University Virtual High School, please use one of our points of contact listed below.

### Telephone

Admissions:	(866) 366-8847
In-Class Technical Support:	(877) 252-7715
Student Concierge Service:	(866) 628-8988
Tuition and Scholarships:	(866) 366-8847
Registrar's Office:	(866) 366-8847
Human Resources:	(858) 642-8195

### E-Mail

Admissions:	info@nuvhs.org
Tuition and Scholarships:	info@nuvhs.org
In-Class Technical Support:	helpdesk@myonlinelogin.com
Registrar's Office:	info@nuvhs.org

### Mail

#### Address correspondence as follows:

National University Virtual High School  
National University Virtual High School Academic Headquarters  
11355 North Torrey Pines Road  
La Jolla, CA 92037-1013

### Web

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[www.facebook.com/NUVHS](https://www.facebook.com/NUVHS)