



Building faith and training Christian leaders around the world through affordable, accessible higher education utilizing distance learning.

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NationsU Celebrates DEAC Accreditation!



Now Accredited

NationsUniversity was founded 20 years ago to build faith and train Christian leaders around the world. The courses in biblical studies have always provided students with excellence in distance education. This excellence has now been formally recognized by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC).

Dr. Mac Lynn, co-founder and current university Chancellor, proudly announced, "Following a sustained effort by a committed team of volunteers, educational specialists, and financial supporters, NationsUniversity has achieved accreditation status by this national commission recognized by the U.S. Department of Education." The commission has accredited NU's full program: the Certificate in Religious Studies, the Bachelor of Religious Studies, the Master of Theological Studies, and the Master of Divinity.

Our Story

NU began as a dream of Dick Ady and Mac Lynn in 1995, was incorporated in 1996, and subsequently launched programs leading to undergraduate and graduate degrees in biblical studies. The mission of NationsUniversity is to build faith and train Christian leaders around the world through affordable, accessible higher education utilizing distance learning.

Praise the Lord!

*Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!*

Psalms 150:1

NU is primarily an online institution related to Churches of Christ through a governing Board of Regents. Incorporated in Louisiana, the school is managed by a small paid staff and a larger staff of volunteers who perform needed tasks from world-wide locations. With a current enrollment of approximately 2,000 students in 120 countries, the school has a diverse student body, including students from 18 to 83 years of age.

Prison Ministry

In addition to its international students, NU has one of the nation's most active prison outreach programs through higher education. Currently, over 300 inmates are studying to receive bachelor and master degrees, and another 150 are studying in the certificate program. This outreach touches the lives of inmates in 72 prisons across 18 states.

Sharing the Gospel

NationsUniversity continues to serve God by using the Internet to reach into the most hostile countries and places in the world. The success of this program would not be possible without the dedication of supporters, churches, volunteers, and mission partners. This accreditation is as much a recognition of their hard work as it is of NationsUniversity's commitment to excellence.

What Our Students Say About Accreditation!

These letters of applause come from Facebook and email. Thank you for your kind words everybody!

Dear Mac and Dick,

Thank the Almighty for this wonderful and great achievement. I am one of those who have been blessed because of your dream come true. I am more equipped today for the Lord's work than ever before I became your student. May the good God continue to lengthen your days to see this institution become more matured.



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Current Enrollment

Current through 7/1/15

Total Students: 1.865

Male - 1,607
Female - 258
Undergraduate - 1,576
Graduate - 289

Total Countries: 120

Top Ten Countries

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| United States | 677 |
| South Africa | 211 |
| Ethiopia | 111 |
| Nigeria | 90 |
| Kenya | 80 |
| Ghana | 69 |
| Iran | 45 |
| Cameroon | 38 |
| Zambia | 36 |
| Canada | 33 |



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Here is a quick overview of so many letters that we cannot print all of them here. We also have almost as many exclamation points as letters. For brevity's sake we only used one for each of these.

Awesome! I have been taking classes at NU since 2001, Wonderful news!, Glad to hear this, Congratulations!, God is Great!, Praise the Lord!, Thank You Lord!, Amen and Amen!, DEAC Accredited, fantastic news guys!

Many of the congratulations were very heartfelt. Some saw it as an answer to prayer. They came from all over the world, current students, former students and alumni. We are grateful to everyone who helped make this day possible.

This will bless so many who are pursuing their degrees through NationsUniversity. Great work. Glad to hear this.

HALLELUJAH! GLORY AND HONOR BE UNTO THE LORD FOR THIS FEAT. CONGRATULATIONS TO NU AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GODLY SERVICE.

As an old Masters of Theology student, I equally celebrate with NationsUniversity.

Congratulations! May God continue to bless this school!

Praise God. He always sees a righteous course through.

I too rejoice with NationsUniversity for this great achievement. It has been my earnest and greatest desire for this accreditation considering the quality and excellence of training provided by NationsUniversity. Once again congratulations! So happy.

I thank God for the accreditation and for the opportunity given us to serve God better and lead others too. God bless NU.

I am very grateful for this great step of accreditation we have long awaited. I thank God for answering our prayers.

Praise God, it has finally paid off, the patience, the tenacity the waiting and the prayers God is Great. Thanks for all the people that have carried the vision of the NationsUniversity and have nurtured it thus far, you are surely living right at the centre of your God ordained destiny.

NationsUniversity gave me a degree when I could never afford the cost of a university degree. The degree has opened doors that I could never have imagined and now am able to pay my way through a masters programme. Indeed, you are a blessing, God bless you mightily.



Out of the Inbox

Dear NU,

I Praise God!

My brothers and I here in Pretoria, South Africa, at the Gospel Chariot Missions, who are also students of NationsU just like me,

couldn't stop celebrating yesterday.

This is wonderful news. In fact, it is great news to so many of us in Africa who can not afford a university degree of noble recognition. This is God's blessing to a lot of us, more than you guys will ever know.

It has given me a renewed confidence and hope in my studies; knowing that I can stand side by side with the best in the world. Now I can't wait to finish my Master in Divinity. Hallelujah!

God be with you.

Mwenge Mufuzi

Christian Faith in the Moment of Terror

On April 2, 2015, Al-Shabaab militants stormed the Garissa University College here in Kenya and killed 148 people who were mostly undergraduate students. The terrorist militants targeted non-Muslim students. They were initially held in hostage at the crack of dawn before being shot to death mercilessly. Pause for a moment! What a tragedy that cut short the life of innocent young people together with their ambitious dreams! The truth is that the nation was robbed of great leaders who would steer the moral, spiritual, social, intellectual and economic growth of this country in the future. May our God in heaven who sees even in darkness protect his people from such tragedies across the world.



This terrorist attack was immensely condemned by Christians, government, religious leaders and even renowned leaders and heads of State from the international community. The Kenyan government responded to this crisis with haste as they led the operations to rescue the students and secure peace in the country. The breaking news through the mass media with a tagline "Garissa University College is under siege" was received with deep sorrow and mixed emotions by Kenyans. The families, friends, and relatives of students who were schooling at the university were in deep sorrow and in tears as they hoped to see their dearly ones being alive.

In this regard, numerous volunteers led by Kenya Red Cross volunteered to offer the counseling services to the affected and bereaved families. Christians were in deep prayer asking God for forgiveness and to restore peace in the country. Also, the well wishers came out in large numbers and donated food and tents which were used while carrying out the counseling services.



Personally, I lost two close friends: a third-year God-fearing girl in our church and a nineteen year old first-year boy from my village. The untimely death of Mary Wanjiru Muchiri deeply touched my heart since she was a fervent Christian and we used to serve God together with her during school holidays in our church. It was hard for me to make an announcement of her untimely death to the members of the congregation. Mary was the Chairperson of Christian Union at the University. She was Miss Garissa University at the time of her death. News of her death by gunshot was received in our church with deep sorrow and tears. Church members had high hopes of her ambitious career and being a change maker in our community. "I looked forward to attending her wedding in the future," said the church Chairperson. "Mary encouraged and preached the word of God to me when we were in high school. Her Christian life made me to alter my life and accept Jesus," said a high school classmate. We laid Mary to rest in an emotional service which was largely attended by mourners from across the country.

Despite the pain that we felt for the loss of our loved ones, Christ still reigns and His grace and love are sufficient for us. The word of God in Psalm 23, "The LORD is my shepherd...even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death" has been our great refuge and comfort as we undergo through the healing process. Shalom!

Peter King'ori
Central Africa Advisor

Graduates

Since the Last Newsletter

Certificate In Religious Studies

Sam Williams, Republic of Guinea
Simbarashe Kandagonah, Mozambique
Mzuvukile Welcome Mteto, South Africa
Charles Aldridge, United States
William McIntosh, United States
William D. Richmond, United States
Kristopher Russell, United States
Grisha Sibanda Masashe, Zimbabwe

Bachelor of Religious Studies

Estephede Charles, Haiti
Ruskin Clay, United States
Casey Dean Corthron, United States
Edward Johnston, United States
Bytha Regauld, United States
Giuseppe Rispoli, United States
Jeffrey W. Rush, United States

Master of Theological Studies

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Diploma, Teacher Education,
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A Note From the Chancellor

What an exciting time for NationsUniversity®. The university has been accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission. I would like to thank the sustained effort by our team of specialists and financial supporters. I would also like to thank everyone, students, faculty, staff and partners for lifting us up in prayer. It has always been my prayer that if this is the Lord's will, He will bless and prosper it, if not then He will end it because we are just wasting our time.

Many of you have questions about what accreditation means. The immediate effect is to raise the credibility and status of the school and it puts it on a more equal footing with other institutions of higher learning.

Will NationsUniversity® credits transfer to an accredited university? The decision is up to the receiving university. A good academic record is more likely to receive a favorable review than a poor one. Students wanting to transfer NU credits to another university should contact the university to which they are applying.

We certainly have come a long way over the past twenty years. Before there was a global Internet NU started with seminars in foreign locations. People wanted to continue studying and in those early days NU would mail them study material. That eventually migrated to email and then to the Internet. Our first student to earn a degree was a prominent local leader in Egypt. From those humble beginnings we now have thousands of graduates all over the world.

I wish to thank publicly all those who have assisted over the years to make accreditation possible. The list is too long to include here, but they know who they are. None of us claim credit for our work. It has been a labor of love. The receptivity of the training offered is credit enough!

Mac Lynn,
Chancellor

Moodle 2.7 is Here!

We are excited to announce our upgrade to Moodle 2.7! The first thing you will immediately notice is the new look. The new style is much cleaner and sleeker, but you will still be able to navigate through our site in the same old manner. And don't be alarmed, the way you interact with the class materials, professors, and advisors has NOT changed.

The most significant change is a more responsive design. The new theme adapts and enhances content for your viewing environment—including phones, tablets and laptops. You will notice a similar look and feel on any device. This means if you are using a mobile device like a tablet or a phone you will find navigating so much easier!

On the inside are enhanced security features to protect student information and other features that will help us manage student information, education, grading, and interactions. We hope you find our new platform to be user friendly.

Blessings!

NationsU Information Technology Team



Persistence & Patience

This is a month of rejoicing as NationsUniversity has received notice that it is now officially accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC). I want to share some of the "back story" that has inspired me personally and illustrates the impact of persistence in pursuit of a worthy goal and God's will.

About 19 years ago I was in a meeting with Dr. Mac Lynn and some of the early advocates of NationsUniversity. Mac explained how he and Dr. Dick Ady had come up with the idea of a tuition free Internet based university run by volunteers. They were literally having breakfast in Mac's kitchen when the idea presented itself. He was in his mid 60's and mused that, "I think I want to do one more significant thing with my life." This week we see the result of that commitment.

Over the years Mac and Marty Lynn have, with guidance from above, pursued their dream day in and day out, working 80 hour weeks without pay. Mac has written thousands of pages of course material and recruited dozens of supporting academic professors. Marty has led much of the practical organization "from the background". Simultaneously, they struggled with the task of seeking financial support to cover the costs associated with the NU website and a small office staff. These were years filled with other difficulties that ranged from an "old man" learning to use the essential education oriented computer systems, interacting with a very demanding accreditation process, potential donors who did not understand what the university was doing, and from time to time, conflict within the ranks. And it was done with a never flinching level of personal integrity, seeking only to glorify God.

I have had the privilege of watching this miracle develop, both as a member of the Board of Regents for fifteen years and now as Chaplain. Never in my lifetime have I seen a more dedicated, persistent, determined and inspiring example of one's pursuit of a worthy and Godly goal. May God continue to bless Mac and Marty Lynn's efforts and those of all the volunteers and paid staff who have supported this dream in so many different ways!

"Do you need prayer? Are you experiencing spiritual distress? Life's problems? Email Chaplain Allen, chaplain@nationsu.org, and let him help."

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