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The Institute of Native American Studies has been able to have the out-of-state tuition policy changed to help more Native American students to attend the University of Georgia.

New Policy Change for Native American Students

Students who are federally recognized member of these tribes: Cherokee and Muscogee tribes in Oklahoma, North Carolina, and Alabama, qualify for in-state tuition while attending the University of Georgia. If you have a student who is a member of one of the above federally recognized tribes and is planning to apply to the University of Georgia, please have them contact Jace Weaver at <u>jweaver@uga.edu</u> or (706) 542-1492.

Each year, a federally recognized tribal member enrolled at the University of Georgia College in both a degree program in the of Public Health (M.P.H. or Dr.PH) and the graduate certificate program in Native American Studies will be selected to receive *free tuition* at University of Georgia. After the student completes his/her first year, the student will be placed in a summer internship at the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, with a focus on Tribal health.

The undergraduate and graduate certificate programs in Native American Studies permit students to earn a University of Georgia degree in any "traditional" discipline while demonstrating an expertise in Native American Studies through a separate credential. Their brochure information states, "the students can continue to graduate school in Native American or American Indian Studies or their chosen discipline. Graduates of the Native American Studies program can either teach in their Native American Studies or in their underlying discipline or it can make an excellent base for law school."