

How Heritage University Boosts On Time Graduation

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COURSE SHARING CHAMPION

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Heritage University empowers a multicultural student body to overcome the social, cultural, economic and geographic barriers that limit access to higher education. Located in the homeland of the Yakama Nation, the university embraces transformational student-centered education that cultivates leadership and since its founding in 1907, is committed to promoting a more just society. “What’s really unique about us is that we have always been an institution that serves Hispanic and Native American students,” SaraBecca Martin, Director of Accreditation and Quality Improvement says.

When it comes to specific challenges the students and university face, Martin explains, “The availability of online courses for graduation is a huge challenge for us, one that course sharing is really helping us to solve.” By partnering with Acadeum, Heritage University is using course sharing as a way to provide more courses more often, supporting on time graduation across the institution.

HU Fast Facts:

- Private university, located in the homeland of the Yakama Nation in Toppenish, Washington
- 999 total degree-seeking students
- Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)
- Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution (NASNTI)
- Started course sharing in 2022

11% of students are Native American
73% of students are Hispanic

80% of students are the first in their families to attend college

“Acadeum has given us more access to course availability– so if students do miss class, they do not fall behind or become at risk of not graduating.”

- SaraBecca Martin

Meeting the HU Mission

“This is not just a vendor partnership,” Martin asserts. “Instead, our work with Acadeum is a real partnership that helps us to meet and further our mission for access and equity.” Since the onset of the onboarding process, Martin and her team have felt supported by the Acadeum approach to course sharing as it helps students on their path to graduation and provides equitable access to education for all students within the HU community.



“Working with a partner that understands our commitment is the most viable solution we have for some of our biggest challenges.”

- SaraBecca Martin

How HU is using course sharing to meet student needs and address barriers to learning:

- + Being responsive to the interests and demands of the entire student population
- + Accelerating enrollments and curricular advancements
- + Expanding course availability, creating access to more courses so students have a better chance to stay on track for graduation
- + Reconciling faculty limitations and scarcity, ensuring students can take the courses they need to complete degree requirements