THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The California State University

The California State University (CSU) is the nation’s largest and most diverse four-year public university. With 23 unique universities and seven off-campus centers, the CSU serves more than 450,000 students and employs more than 63,000 faculty and staff.

Each year, the university awards nearly 127,000 degrees, changing the trajectory of students’ lives by opening doors to opportunities for upward mobility. Nearly one-third of CSU students are the first in their families to attend college and more than half of CSU students are from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds.

CSU graduates are serving as leaders in the industries that drive California’s economy, including business, agriculture, entertainment, engineering, teaching, hospitality and health care. To learn more, visit the California State University website (https://www.calstate.edu/).

A Tradition of Excellence for More than Six Decades

Since 1961, the CSU has provided an affordable, accessible and high-quality education to millions of Californians. While each university is unique based on its curricular specialties, location and culture, every CSU is distinguished for the quality of its educational programs. All CSUs are fully accredited, provide a high-quality, broad liberal educational program and offer opportunities for students to engage in university life through the Associated Students, Inc., clubs and service learning.

Facts

- Today, one in every 20 Americans with a college degree is a CSU graduate.
- One in every 10 employees in California is a CSU graduate.
- The CSU’s network of more than 4 million alumni is larger than the population of 23 U.S. states.
- The CSU awards nearly half of the bachelor’s degrees earned in California.
- The CSU awards more than one-quarter of California’s baccalaureate nursing degrees.
- Between 2017 and 2022, the CSU prepared more of California’s teachers than any other state institution.
- About 4% of the nation’s teachers graduate from the CSU.
- In 2022-23, CSU students earned nearly 20,000 undergraduate business degrees and more than 7,300 engineering degrees.
- The CSU offers more than 4,000 degree programs that align with the state’s workforce demands.
- The CSU’s online concurrent enrollment program gives students the ability to enroll in courses offered by other universities in the CSU system.
- Through CSU community engagement centers, 33,765 student volunteers participated in service-learning, contributing more than 656,000 hours of service in 2022-23.

Governance

The CSU is governed by the Board of Trustees, most of whom are appointed by the governor and serve with faculty and student representatives. The CSU chancellor is the chief executive officer, reporting to the board. The presidents serve as the university-level chief executive officers. The trustees, chancellor and presidents develop university-wide educational policy. The presidents, in consultation with the CSU Academic Senate and other university stakeholder groups, render and implement local policy decisions.

CSU Historical Milestones

The individual California State Colleges were established as a system with a Board of Trustees and a chancellor in 1960 by the Donahoe Higher Education Act. In 1972, the system was designated as the California State University and Colleges, and in 1982 the system became the California State University. Today, the CSU comprises 23 member universities, including comprehensive and polytechnic universities and, since July 1995, the California State University Maritime Academy, a specialized university.

The oldest university — San José State University — was founded in 1857 and became the first institution of public higher education in California. The newest — California State University Channel Islands — opened in fall 2002, with freshmen arriving in fall 2003. And in 2022, the CSU in Humboldt became California State Polytechnic University, joining San Luis Obispo and Pomona as the state’s third public polytechnic university.

In 1963, the CSU’s Academic Senate was established to act as the official voice of CSU faculty in university-wide matters. Also, the California State College Student Presidents Association — which was later renamed the California State Student Association (CSSA), was founded to represent each university student association on issues affecting students.

Through its many decades of service, the CSU has continued to adapt to address societal changes, student needs and workforce trends. While the CSU’s core mission has always focused on providing high-quality, affordable bachelor’s and master’s degree programs, over time the university has added a wide range of services and programs to support student success — from adding health centers and special programs for veterans to building student residential facilities to provide a comprehensive educational experience.

In 2010, in an effort to accommodate community college transfer students, the CSU, in concert with the California Community Colleges (CCC), launched the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT), which guarantees CCC transfer students with an ADT admission to the CSU with junior status. The ADT has since proven to be one of the most effective paths to a CSU for community college transfer students. In 2023, the CSU launched the Transfer Success Pathway program to guarantee future CSU admission to high school graduates who are entering a California community college and who commit to transferring within three years.

Always adapting to changes in technology to support student learning and degree completion, the CSU launched CSU Fully Online, which enables CSU students to complete online courses at other CSUs, expanding enrollment opportunities and providing more educational
opportunities for students who may prefer an online format to a traditional classroom setting.

The CSU marked a significant educational milestone when it broadened its degree offerings to include professional doctoral degrees. The CSU independently offers Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), Doctor of Audiology (AuD), Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) degree programs. Additionally, the CSU was recently authorized to offer the independent Doctor of Public Health (DrPH). A limited number of other doctoral degrees are offered jointly with the University of California and private institutions in California.

The CSU strives to continually develop innovative programs, services and opportunities that will give students the tools they need to meet their full potential. In 2015, the CSU system launched Graduation Initiative 2025, a bold plan to support students, increase the number of California’s graduates earning high-quality degrees and eliminate achievement and equity gaps for all students. Through this initiative, the CSU is ensuring that all students have the opportunity to graduate according to their personal goals, positively impacting their lives, families and communities.

By providing an accessible, hands-on education that prepares graduates for career success, the CSU has created a network of alumni so extensive and renowned that it spans the globe. More than four million CSU alumni are making a difference in the lives of the people of California and the world.

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**California State University Locations**

Visit the California State University (https://www.calstate.edu/) website to find out all relevant information about the 23 CSU campuses.

1. California State University, Bakersfield (https://www.csub.edu/)
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   Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022
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6. California State University, Fresno (http://www.csufresno.edu/)
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   562-985-4111

10. California State University, Los Angeles (https://www.calstatela.edu/)
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    Los Angeles, CA 90032
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11. California State University Maritime Academ (https://www.csu.maritime.edu/)
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    Vallejo, CA 94590
    Navy Reserve Vice Admiral Michael J. Dumont, Interim President
    707-654-1000

12. California State University, Monterey Bay (https://www.csu.edu/)
    100 Campus Center
    Seaside, CA 93955-8001
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    831-582-3000

13. California State University, Northridge (https://www.csun.edu/)
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14. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (https://www.cpp.edu/)
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    Pomona, CA 91768
    Dr. Soraya M. Coley, President
    909-869-7659

15. California State University, Sacramento (https://www.csus.edu/)
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    Sacramento, CA 95819
    Dr. Luke Wood, President
    916-278-6011

16. California State University, San Bernardino (https://www.csusb.edu/)
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    San Bernardino, CA 92407-2318
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17. San Diego State University (https://www.sdsu.edu/)
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    San Diego, CA 92132
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20. University Catalog 2024-2025

The California State University International Programs

Chico State is proud to offer a wide variety of study abroad options for our students. Information about study abroad programs can be obtained from Study Abroad and Exchange (https://www.csuchico.edu/studyabroad/).

Developing inter-cultural communication skills and international understanding among its students is a vital mission of the California State University (CSU). Since its inception in 1963, the CSU International Programs (CSU IP) has contributed to this effort by providing qualified students an affordable opportunity to continue their studies abroad for a full academic year in all programs and a semester option in some countries and programs.
More than 20,000 CSU students have taken advantage of this unique study option. Also, through the CSU IP exchange partnerships, more than 5,000 international students have come to study at the CSU.

International Programs participants earn resident academic credit at their home university while they pursue full-time study at a host university or study center abroad. CSU IP serves the needs of students in more than 100 designated academic majors. Affiliated with nearly 70 recognized universities and institutions of higher education in 18 countries, CSU IP also offers a wide selection of study abroad destinations and learning environments.

**Australia** Griffith University, Macquarie University, Queensland University of Technology, University of Queensland, Western Sydney University

**Canada** Concordia University

**Chile** Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

**China** Peking University (Beijing)

**Denmark** Danish Institute for Study Abroad (This exchange is currently inactive.)

**France** Aix-Marseille Université, CY Cergy Paris Université, École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay (ENS), ESSCA, Aix-en-Provence Campus, Institut Catholique de Paris, Institut Polytechniques des Sciences Avancées (IPSAS), Institut Supérieur d’Electronique de Paris (ISEP), Sciences Po, Sciences Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye, Sorbonne Université, Université d’Evry Val-d’Essonne (UEVE), Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (UVSQ), Université Paris Cité, Université Gustave Eiffel, Université Panthéon-Assas, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Université Paris 8 - Vincennes-Saint-Denis, Université Paris Nanterre, Université Paris-Est Créteil Val-de-Marne (UPEC), Université Paris-Saclay, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (formerly Paris 3), Université Sorbonne Paris Nord

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**Ghana** University of Ghana

**Israel** University of Haifa

**Italy** CSU Florence Study Center, Accademia di Belle Arti Firenze

**Japan** Waseda University, University of Tsukuba

**Mexico** Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Campus Querétaro

**South Africa** Nelson Mandela University

**South Korea** Yonsei University, Korea University

**Spain** Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Universidad de Granada

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**United Kingdom** University of Bradford, University of Bristol, University of Hull, Kingston University, Swansea University, University of Birmingham

Students participating in CSU IP pay CSU tuition and program fees and are responsible for airfare, accommodations, meals and other personal expenses. Financial aid, with the exception of Federal Work-Study, is available to qualified students and limited scholarship opportunities are also available. All programs require students to maintain good academic and disciplinary standing, many programs are open to sophomores or graduate students. California Community College transfer students are eligible to apply (to select programs) directly from their community colleges. Students must possess a current cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or 3.0, depending on the program, and must fulfill all coursework prerequisites. Additional program information and application instructions can be found on the International Programs Website. (https://csuip.calstate.edu/?FuseAction=Abroad.Home)