

CSU Highlights & Fun Facts

CSU Bakersfield

- CSUB competes in both the Western Athletic Conference and NCAA Division I athletics and fields teams.
- The Walter Stiern Library houses one of the most modern electronic information and computing facilities in the CSU system.

Chico State

- One of the great things about Chico State is that they have a farm just for Chico State agriculture majors where they can get hands-on experience on the farm. It is made up of 1,040 acres!
- The Indian tribe, Mechoopda Maidu, were the first inhabitants in the land of Chico. Thus naming one of the north campus dorm halls: Mechoopda. On one of your first days at Chico State, a native from the tribe will come and speak to the new freshman class.
- Following San Jose State University, Chico is the second oldest CSU campus. Chico State was founded all the way back in 1887, making it 131 years old!

CSU Channel Islands

- Founded in 2002, Channel Islands is the newest Cal State University in the system.
- The campus is located only minutes from the Pacific Ocean with panoramic views of the Santa Monica Mountains. CI is a wonderfully planned and preserved campus that includes a unique collection of architecturally significant buildings.
- The nursing program at CI is ranked 11th in the state of CA and has a 100% pass rate for state nursing boards.

CSU Dominguez Hills

- U.S. News & World Report's 2017 annual "Best Colleges" ranks CSU Dominguez Hills among the top 100 most ethnically diverse universities in the West offering bachelor's and master's degrees.
- In 2017, CSUDH was named one of the "Top 100 Most Ethnically Diverse Universities in the West."

CSU East Bay

- The most popular undergraduate majors are: Business, Health Sciences, Psychology, Nursing, Biology, Kinesiology, Criminal Justice Administration, Sociology, Human Development, and Art.
- It has been recognized as a "Best in the West" college every year since 2003 by the Princeton Review. It particularly notes the university's affordable tuition, small class

sizes, diligent, career minded students, multicultural community, and strong business, nursing, and education programs.

- CSU East Bay is known for their cultural diversity. With a total enrollment of 14,526 students, Cal State East Bay hosts over 1500 international students from over 80 countries each year

Fresno State

- Fresno State's 388-acre main campus and its 1,011-acre University Farm, are located at the northeast edge of Fresno, California, at the foot of the majestic Sierra Nevada mountain range. The surrounding San Joaquin Valley is one of the richest agricultural areas in the world, and Fresno is the sixth largest city in California.
- Although the university, commonly known as Fresno State, began as a teachers college, it now offers bachelor's degrees in more than 60 areas of study.
- Fresno State students can join more than 200 organizations and play for the Fresno State Bulldogs varsity sports teams, which compete in the NCAA Division I Mountain West Conference.

CSU Fullerton

- The school has produced 55 players who made it to Major League Baseball.
- CSUF has students from 81 nations, and has graduated more than a quarter-million men and women since its founding in 1959.
- CSUF's Mihaylo College of Business and Economics is home to the state's largest nationally accredited undergraduate business program, and its drama, musical theater and dance programs are all nationally recognized.

Humboldt State

- Set between redwood groves and the Pacific Ocean, 275 miles north of San Francisco, it is a highly acclaimed campus of choice. It tends to attract students who are adventurous and self-reliant.
- Humboldt State University is known for outstanding programs in natural resources and sciences, as well as leadership in sustainability.
- In recent years, Humboldt State has added a Criminology and Justice Studies Program with a state of the art forensics lab.

CSU Long Beach

- Rated Number 5 Public University in the West by U.S. News and World Report, CSULB teaches students from more than 95 different countries.
- Long Beach State has had many famous students attend the Beach. Steven Spielberg graduated from CSULB in 2002 with his B.A. in Film & Electronic Arts.
- CSULB is also one of the only colleges to have shark tanks on campus for research purposes. This program has been recognized globally for their contributions to the world of sharks.

CSU Los Angeles

- There are more than 5,000 trees on campus, and the Biological Sciences building greenhouses contain more than 140 types of plants.
- Cal State L.A. boasts 25 Olympian alums—1 Bronze, 8 Silver and 10 Gold Medalists!
- Cal State L.A. established the nation's first Chicano Studies department in 1969.

Cal State Maritime

- The University is located on the water's edge of Northeast San Francisco Bay.
- Cal State Maritime has programs in international business and logistics, engineering, technology and the maritime transportation industries.
- Students at Maritime are engrossed with leadership, accountability and structure. Students are required to wear uniforms; however, the school is not a military institution.

CSU Monterey Bay

- Students from the Department of Teledramatic Arts and Technology have had their films screened at the Sundance Film Festival.
- CSUMB is located on the cliffs above the Pacific Ocean on the former site of Fort Ord.
- CSU Monterey Bay is best known for its small class sizes which benefits students by having more one on one time with each student in the classroom. CSUMB also is known for having their students become involved in the community and gain different service learning skills.

CSU Northridge

- CSUN is home to the Valley Performing Arts Center which hosts professional singers, dance companies and theater groups.
- CSUN started as a satellite campus for Los Angeles State College, now known as California State University, Los Angeles. It was simply called “the Valley campus” until 1958, when it seceded into its own campus, San Fernando Valley State College.
- Northridge State's College of Business and Economics is one of the largest business schools in the nation.

Cal Poly Pomona

- The College of Engineering is the 17th largest engineering school in the nation.
- The university is one of the best campuses for LGBT students. They have set a neutral-gender housing, pride center for LGBT students, and also Pride Alliance for faculty and Staff members.
- Cal Poly Pomona has been recognized among the “Top 10 Graphic Design Schools and Colleges in California” in 2019 by Animation Career Review. The graphic design program was ranked at No. 9.

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

- The Cal Poly SLO Animal Science program boasts one of the most comprehensive hands-on programs in the nation and is known as a national leader of undergraduate training in animal nutrition and reproductive physiology.
- The College of Engineering offers blended 4+1 year Bachelors and Masters degrees programs in Computer and Industrial Engineering.
- San Luis Obispo is home to the famous tourist attraction, Bubblegum Alley, a walkway 70 feet long and 15 feet high with millions of pieces of gum lining the walls.

Sacramento State

- Sacramento State is the fourth most diverse university in the western United States, according to U.S. News and World Report (2019 rankings).
- Notable Sacramento State alumni include actor Tom Hanks, who won Academy Awards for his roles in the movies Forrest Gump and Philadelphia.
- Sacramento State University has the largest Criminal Justice program west of the Mississippi.

CSU San Bernardino

- Cal State San Bernardino is home to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation Demonstration Garden which includes over an acre of plantings and displays that showcase water conservation through a series of beautiful themed gardens and exhibits.
- The most popular majors at California State University--San Bernardino include: Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services; Psychology; Social Sciences; Health Professions and Related Programs; and Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies.
- CSUSB first introduced wind power to the San Bernardino campus with a pilot Helix turbine located adjacent to Parking Structure East.

San Diego State

- A very cool event at San Diego State is the Student Research Symposium, an annual forum for SDSU's graduate and undergraduate students to present their faculty-mentored research.
- The SDSU campus is known as "Montezuma Mesa" because of where it sits. SDSU sits on a Mesa that oversees Mission Valley.
- Have you ever been to Disneyland? If so, then you know that park is huge and it's a never ending cycle of walking and trying to get around. Well, SDSU is actually about twice as big as Disneyland, covering over 280 acres of land and still growing. SDSU is continuing to expand and grow, with the soon to be South Campus Plaza and other facilities being added on campus, they'll eventually surpass 300 acres, maybe.

San Francisco State

- SFSU is one of the nation's top producers of biological sciences undergraduates who go on to earn biology doctorates.
- SFSU has a creative writing department which includes graduates such as Anne Rice and Pulitzer Prize winner poet Phillips Schultz and is the only university in California to offer bachelors in technical and professional writing.
- The SFSU campus houses the Institute for Civic and Community Engagement, a place for students to give back to the Bay Area communities.

San Jose State

- San Jose State University produces a major chunk of graduates each year who contribute to the industries of computer science, business, engineering and education, most of whom form the workforce of Silicon Valley.
- The Main campus of SJSU has a total of 50 major buildings among which 23 are academic buildings and 7 are residence halls alone. They span over 19 city blocks in the downtown area of San Jose.
- This university was the first of its kind in the USA to have opened a joint city and university library. Since the Martin Luther King Library opened in 2003, over 13 million people have visited the library and made use of the facilities provided.

CSU San Marcos

- Through its nationally-acclaimed Community Service Learning program, nearly 3,500 CSUSM students annually log over 160,000 hours of community service valued at over \$1.3 million.
- In addition to classroom space, CSU San Marcos hosts the Kellogg Library, one of the largest such facilities in the state.
- To help explore the surrounding area, CSUSM Outdoor Adventures sponsors day and weekend trips for activities such as hiking and camping.

Sonoma State

- Sonoma State's location in the California Wine Country allows the school to offer unique courses in the study of wine business and viticulture. While other universities have programs that emphasize grape growing and wine making, Sonoma State's program offers a specialized curriculum targeting the business challenges of the wine industry
- Sonoma State athletics got its start in 1964 with the school's first men's basketball team. Through the years, the Seawolves have had much success including national championships in 1990 (women's soccer), 2002 (men's soccer) and 2009 (men's golf).
- While SSU generally accepts all qualified students who apply from high schools in its service area, 80 percent of the freshmen and 55 percent of the junior transfer students come from outside the North Bay region.

CSU Stanislaus

- The University opened as Stanislaus State College in 1960, with a faculty of 15 and fewer than 800 students, at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock.
- The Princeton Review consistently rates California State University, Stanislaus among the Best Colleges in the nation, a distinction awarded to only 15 percent of colleges and universities throughout the United States.