

# CSU Campus Handbook

## THE 23 OUTSTANDING CAMPUSES OF THE CSU



## 1. CSU Bakersfield



- Location: Bakersfield, California
- 31 undergraduate majors; Best Known/Most Popular:
  - School of Arts & Humanities (A&H)
  - School of Business and Public Administration (BPA)
  - School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering (NSME)
  - School of Social Sciences & Education (SSE)
- Enrollment: 9,341 (8,179 undergraduates)
- Division I & II Athletics
- Diversity, smaller class sizes, includes some city and rural areas

## 2. CSU Channel Islands



- Location: Camarillo, California
- Youngest CSU (founded in 2002)
- 20 undergraduate majors; Best Known/Most Popular Majors Include:
  - Business
  - Social Science
- Enrollment: 6,611 (6,355 undergraduates)
- Multicultural and international perspectives
- CSU Channel Islands' curriculum emphasizes experiential and service learning
- Students have been described as "friendly"
- Great food!

### 3. CSU Chico



- Location: Chico, California
- Second oldest CSU (founded in 1889)
- Has honor program for higher achieving students that offers access to smaller classes and other perks
- Over 150 undergraduate majors; Best Known/Most Popular Majors Include:
  - Nursing\*
  - Business
  - Recreation Admin
  - Hotel and Parks Management
  - Ecology
  - Psychology
  - Agriculture

\*impacted major

- Enrollment: 17,557 (16,471 undergraduates)
- Social
- Many clubs and athletic programs
- Beautiful outdoorsy activities



#### 4. CSU Dominguez Hills



- Location: Carson, California
- Over 45 undergraduate majors; Best Known/Most Popular:
  - Accounting
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Finance
  - General Business
  - Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Enrollment: 14,731 (12,685 undergraduates)
- Diverse Campus: CSUDH students represent 90 countries
- Small class sizes
- Suburban
- Athletics
- Students have been described as welcoming and kind

## 5. CSU East Bay



- Location: Hayward, California
- 49 Undergraduate Majors; Best Known/Most Popular:
  - College of Business and Economics (business administration by far the most popular major)
  - Education Department
  - Music Department
- Has earned national recognition for its value and its Freshman Learning Communities.
- Enrollment: 15,855 (13,407 undergraduates)
- Diverse\*
- Students have been described as welcoming and accepting

## 6. CSU Fresno



- Location: Fresno, California
- Smittcamp Honor College is an honors program for high achieving students and offers scholarships covering tuition, room and board
- Over 60 Undergraduate Majors; Best Known/Most Popular:
  - Business Administration
  - Nursing
  - Speech-Language Pathology
  - Social Work
  - Criminology
  - Agriculture
  - Engineering
- Enrollment: 24,405 (21,530 undergraduates)
- Costs less \$
- Science department is known to have a lot of supportive resources for their students
- Fresno State's Craig School of Business is well respected and popular among students
- Many diverse campus activities and clubs



## 7. CSU Fullerton



- Location: Fullerton, California
- One of the largest CSU's
- 55 Undergraduate Majors; Best Known/Most Popular:
  - Art, dance, music, theater
  - Athletic training
  - Business
  - Sciences (chemistry, public health, computer science, engineering)
  - Communications
  - Communicative disorders
  - Nursing
  - Public administration
  - Social work
  - Teacher education
- Enrollment: 40,235 (34,576 undergraduates)
- Makes efforts to make STEM field inclusive for women
- If you're interested in environmental studies, check out their unique Desert Studies Center!
- Offers a lot of flexibility (i.e part-time school, online classes)

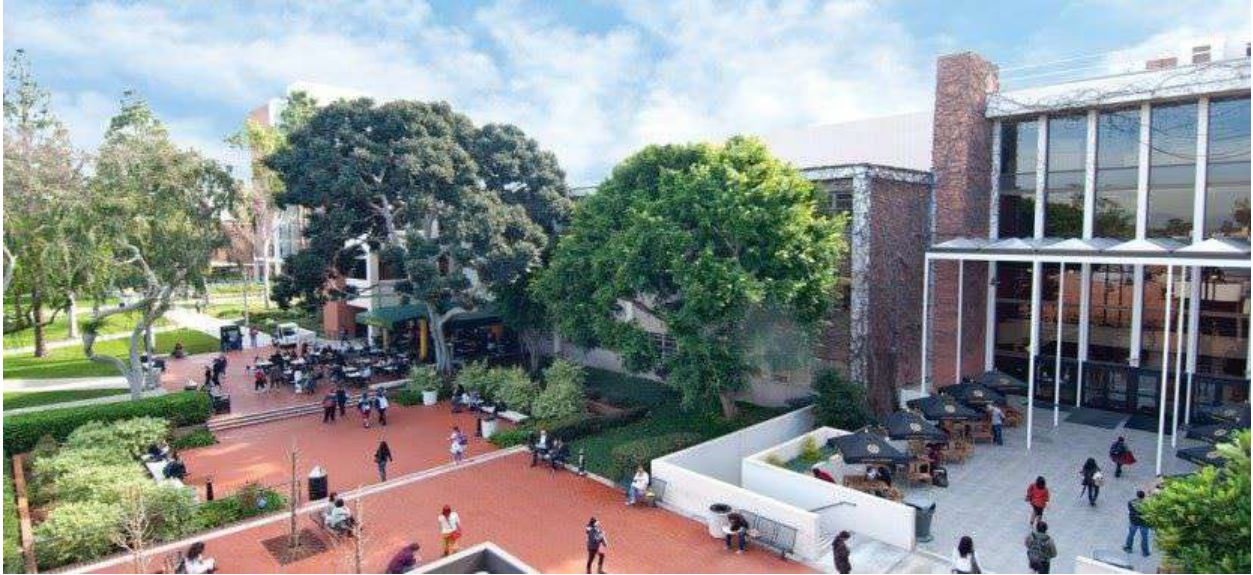


## 8. Humboldt State University



- Location: Arcata, California
- Northernmost CSU
- Sits alongside a redwood forest and overlooks Pacific Ocean
- 47 Undergraduate Majors; Best Known/Most Popular:
  - Forestry
  - Wildlife
  - Oceanography
  - Native American Studies
- Enrollment: 8,503 (7,982 undergraduates)
- Environmentally conscious student body
- Students have easy access to hiking, swimming, kayaking, camping and other outdoor activities in this ecologically rich corner of Northern California

## 9. CSU Long Beach



- Location: Long Beach, California
- 57 Undergraduate Majors; Best Known/Most Popular:
  - Arts
  - Business Administration
  - Health Care Management
  - Social Work
  - Physical Therapy
  - Public Affairs
  - Public Health
  - Speech Language Pathology
  - Engineering
- Enrollment: 37,776 (32,345 undergraduates)
- CSULB was awarded a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa for its strengths in the liberal arts and sciences
- 10 min from the beach!
- Diverse
- Campus committed to environmental sustainability

## 10. CSU Los Angeles



- Location: Los Angeles, California
- 51 Undergraduate Majors; Best Known; Most Popular:
  - Business Administration
  - Criminal Justice
  - Education
  - Rehabilitation counseling
  - Fine arts program
  - Nursing (Must pursue post-grad)
  - Social Work
  - Public Affairs
  - Speech and Language Pathology
- Enrollment: 27,827 (24,074 undergraduates)
- Metropolitan
- Themed-living communities



## 11. Cal Maritime Academy



- Location: Vallejo, California
- Most specialized school out of all CSU
- Only degree-granting maritime academy on the West Coast
- Curriculum combines traditional classroom instruction with professional training and experiential learning
- Best Known/Most Popular Major:
  - Marine Science
  - Mechanical Engineering Technician
  - Business
- Enrollment: 1,107 (all undergraduate)
- Small school!
- Wear uniforms
- Strong connections for finding a job

## 12. CSU Monterey Bay



- Location: Seaside, California
- Second Youngest CSU (founded in 1994)
- 25 Undergraduate Majors; Best Known/Most Popular:
  - Business/Management/Marketing
  - Liberal Arts and Sciences
  - General Studies and Humanities
  - Psychology
  - Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies
  - Public Administration and Social Service Professions
- Enrollment: 7,274 (6,758 undergraduates)
- Small class sizes
- University owns two research boats for studying Monterey Bay, and service learning and undergraduate research projects are common
- Students described as friendly
- Majority female

### 13. CSU Northridge



- Location: Northridge, California
- 64 Undergraduate Majors; Best Known/Most Popular
  - Business, Management, Marketing
  - Social Sciences
  - Psychology
  - Health Professions and Related Programs
  - Communication, Journalism
- Enrollment: 39,916 (35,756 undergraduates)
- University has earned high marks for its programs in music, engineering and business
- Great academic support (i.e tutoring support)
- Have a high-tech gym
- Beautiful campus
- Diverse



## 14. Cal Poly Pomona



- Location: Pomona, California
- 8 academic colleges
  - Most popular undergrad college: Business
  - Popular majors: Engineering (Second largest engineering program in CSU system), Hospitality and Tourism, & Computer Science
- Enrollment: 25,326 (23,733 undergraduates)
  - Largest enrollment of Asian Americans in the Cal State System
- One of the nation's best campuses for LGBTQ+ students
- University emphasizes problem solving, student research, internships and service learning
- Over 280 clubs and organizations

## 15. CSU Sacramento



- Location: Sacramento, California (State Capital!)
- 60 Undergraduate Majors; Most Popular/Best Known:
  - Gerontology (5th best in the U.S)
  - Criminal Justice and Safety Studies
  - Business
  - Communication Studies
- Enrollment: 30,510 (27,951 undergraduates)
- Takes pride in its multicultural student body (4th most diverse university in the Western U.S.)
- High achieving students should look into Sac State Honors Program:
  - Offers individualized attention from dedicated professors, small class sizes, and extracurricular activities
  - Offers a variety of scholarships to support students



## 16. CSU San Bernardino



- Location: San Bernardino, California (In the Desert)
- Over 70 Undergraduate Majors; Most Popular/Best Known:
  - Business, Management, Marketing
  - Psychology
  - Social Sciences
  - Health Professions
  - Parks, Recreation, Leisure
  - Fitness Studies
- Students described as upbeat and friendly



## 17. San Diego State University



- Location: San Diego, California
- Undergraduate Degrees in over 95 Areas; Most Popular/Best Known:
  - Business Management
  - Criminal Justice and Safety Studies
  - Social Sciences
  - Health Professions
  - Psychology
  - Engineering
- Enrollment: 34,688 (29,860 undergraduates)
- Lots of clubs and activities to get involved in:
  - Ranks highly for study abroad -- SDSU students have a choice of 190 study abroad programs
  - Active Greek system with over 50 fraternities and sororities

## 18. San Francisco State University



- Location: San Francisco, California (Close to Food, Shopping, Beach, and Downtown!)
- 115 Undergraduate Majors; Most Popular/Best Known For:
  - Business, Management, Marketing
  - Communication
  - Journalism
  - Visual and Performing Arts
  - Social Sciences
  - Biological and Biomedical Sciences.
- Enrollment: 29,045 (25,945 undergraduates)
  - Diverse Student Body - 67% of undergrads are students of color
  - Students come from 94 countries
- Has been described as “unique” and “hipster”
- Bus system is entirely free if you’re a student
- Many classes incorporate field trips



## 19. San Jose State University



- Location: San Jose, California (located on 19 blocks in downtown San Jose)
- Offers Undergraduate Degrees in 134 fields; Most Popular/Best Known:
  - Business, Management, Marketing
  - Engineering
  - Visual and Performing Arts
  - Health Professions
  - Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services
- Enrollment: 32,154 (26,432 undergraduates)
- Mixed group of studios and partiers
- Lots of campus resources
- Diverse



## 20. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo



- Location: San Luis Obispo, California
- 6 Colleges with more than 60 undergraduate majors: Most Popular/Best Known:
  - Science and Engineering (ranked as one of the top schools at the undergrad level)
  - Business, Management, Marketing
  - Architecture
  - Agriculture, Agriculture Operations
  - Biological and Biomedical Sciences
  - Social Sciences
- Good academic and social balance
- “Learn by doing” philosophy of education
- Campus size is just under 10,000 acres
  - Includes a ranch and vineyard

## 21. CSU San Marcos



- Location: San Marcos, California
- One of the younger CSU's - Established in 1989
- 44 undergraduate programs; Most Popular/Best Known:
  - Social Sciences
  - Business, Management, Marketing
  - Health Professions
  - Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences
  - Communication, Journalism
- Enrollment: 13,144 (12,567 undergraduates)
- A popular school for commuters
- Administrators may not encourage you to get out in four years as much as the other CSUs



## 22. Sonoma State University



- Location: Rohnert, California (50 miles north of San Francisco)
- 46 Undergraduate Degrees: Most Popular/Best Known:
  - Business Administration and Management,
  - Sociology
  - Psychology
  - Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies
  - Early Childhood Education and Teaching
- Enrollment: 9,323 (8,631 undergraduates)
  - Campus is majority White
- Beautiful campus and surrounding area - Sonoma county is some of California's best wine country!
  - School owns two nature preserves that provide research opportunities for students in the natural sciences



### 23. CSU Stanislaus



- Location: Turlock, California (San Joaquin Valley, east of San Jose)
- 43 Undergraduate Majors; Most Popular/Best Known:
  - Business Administration and Management
  - Psychology
  - Sociology
  - Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies
  - Criminal Justice/Safety Studies.
- Enrollment: 9,762 (8,620 undergraduates)
- 228-acre park like campus
- University has been recognized for its value, academic quality, community service initiatives and green efforts