



**CALIFORNIA
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California State University, Sacramento – California’s Capital University – offers students strong academic programs in small classes taught by professors. The University is a beautiful and stimulating place to learn and prepare for the 21st century.

The cosmopolitan atmosphere of the area carries onto the campus. Located along the edge of the historic American River, students have access to miles of bike and walking trails in a parkway stretching along one side of the campus. The community has a symphony, opera, ballet, and numerous offerings in the arts which students frequently attend for reduced prices.

STUDENTS

CSUS serves nearly 19,000 undergraduate and 5,000 graduate students. To assist students in reaching their full potential, the campus has developed a wide range of educational equity and assistance programs, such as the College Assistance Migrant Program, the Minority Engineering Program, and the Minority Enrichment Business Program. Information about these programs is available through University Outreach Services.

The campus attracts high caliber students. Students who attend the University come from the top third of their high school graduating classes. One of four entering freshmen has a 3.5 GPA or better.

While many students come to CSUS from the 13 counties surrounding the Sacramento area, nearly half of the freshman class each year comes from outside the Northern California region. Students transferring from community colleges also come in large numbers from around the state. Additionally, there are nearly 1,000 international students from more than 70 nations.

Teaching is a priority and the faculty/student ratio is one to 24. The majority of classes have fewer than 50 students and are taught by

the professor. Adequate classes and course sections are provided so that diligent students will be able to graduate easily within four years. Those who work and may only take classes during set times will need longer to graduate.

Students also have the opportunity for a strong and eventful campus life. More than half of the students participate in one or more than 300 clubs and associations. These include almost every academic interest, from math to languages. There are many career-oriented groups and for students interested in the Greek system there are 18 sororities and 20 fraternities affiliated with the University. In addition, the Division I sports program offers intercollegiate competition.

FACILITIES

More than 3,000 trees offer the backdrop for the bustling campus environment, where new buildings and campus expansion have been underway in recent years. The facilities include a modern computer-equipped, one-million volume library; large and recently constructed engineering and business schools; numerous computer laboratories for student use; in sports, a 25,000 seat stadium, two gymnasiums, excellent playing fields for baseball and softball, and on-campus tennis courts; two major theaters, an outdoor theater and a large music recital hall.

The University is in the midst of a \$214 million master construction plan, which has recently included three classroom buildings; a completely remodeled center for student services (Lassen Hall) and a much needed parking facility. Several other facilities are now under construction or renovation.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Sacramento is in the heart of government operations for the state and CSUS students can take full advantage of the research, internships and employment

opportunities offered in this arena. The University sponsors a Center for California Studies which offers a variety of programs statewide, including internships with the Governor’s Office, State Assembly and Senate, and other agencies of government. Thousands of individuals and businesses in the northern part of the state are aided by the work of more than 30 CSUS Institutes, Research Centers and Special Programs, such as the Real Estate and Land Use Institute, the Academic Talent Search Program, the Capital Campus History Resources Institute and the Polymer Research Institute.

CSUS is a major resource for the community and thousands attend entertainment and cultural events on campus. Two widely recognized programs sponsored by the University are the Festival of New American Music, which receives national acclaim, and the spring Festival of the Arts featuring more than two dozen performances and artistic offerings from puppetry to dance to music.

Sacramento is where the West began. Students find themselves in the heart of a rich historical area that features numerous places of interest including Old Sacramento, a historically accurate replication of the 1850s Sacramento waterfront. Within Old Sacramento there is a nationally acclaimed California State Railroad Museum, the Sacramento History Center and Old Eagle, Western Theater. Close by is the Crocker Art Gallery, the historic Victorian-period Governor’s Mansion, and the gateway to the Gold Country. Gold was discovered in 1848 at Sutter’s Mill in Coloma within an hour’s drive of the campus. Within two hours of the campus are the great resources of the San Francisco Bay Area, and the recreational environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin. The area has an impressive and spirited history, and for nearly 50 years CSUS also has been a part of the region’s heritage.

UNIVERSITY MISSION AND GOALS

The mission of California State University, Sacramento — a regional comprehensive public university — is to preserve, communicate, and advance knowledge; cultivate wisdom; encourage creativity; promote the value of humankind; and improve the quality of life for its graduates and the people of the region. The education of students is the central mission of the University. Therefore, the University faculty's primary responsibilities are teaching and the creation of an active learning environment for students.

The University is committed to the principle that responsible and knowledgeable persons freely exercising reason in the pursuit of individual and community interests play a significant and beneficial role in addressing society's problems and enriching life. Education liberates individuals from ignorance, intolerance, and dogmatism, freeing them for critical and reflective thought, and for wise and effective action. CSUS is committed to helping students develop a sense of self-confidence and self-worth, respect for diverse cultures, awareness of important social and moral issues, and concern for others. The University strives to provide students with opportunities for active participation in academic and extracurricular activities

which will contribute to their ability to function productively in a rapidly changing society.

We reaffirm the value of and need for education of the whole person in the tradition of a liberal undergraduate education. Building on the fundamental knowledge and skills acquired through a general education program, the University offers traditional liberal arts disciplines and professional studies which emphasize three critical curricular values — acquisition of knowledge, the development of critical thought processes, and the synthesis of knowledge—hallmarks of an educated person.

The University further enhances the intellectual life of the campus through its graduate and post-baccalaureate program offerings and research centers. Masters, post-baccalaureate certificates, and joint doctoral programs advance students' educational achievements and prepare them for professional and leadership positions throughout the region and in society.

As a regional resource the University is committed to providing educational opportunities that contribute to the cultural and economic development of the region. The University strives to advance the public good through collaboration with government, social and cultural agencies, and businesses and industries within the region.

The University's mission is guided by fundamental values which reflect its identity as a public, regional, comprehensive, metropolitan university. Thus, California State University, Sacramento seeks to offer individuals the opportunity to realize their highest aspirations and become active and involved citizens for the good of the individual and society.

GOALS

In fulfilling its mission the University strives to:

- offer academic programs characterized by high quality, serious attention to outcomes, recognition of the interdisciplinary nature of knowledge, commitment to lifelong learning and preparing an educated citizenry, and responsiveness to regional needs,
- achieve excellence in teaching and learning,
- build and support a university community whose excellence in teaching, learning, research, and public service is strengthened by scholarship,
- develop a campus community whose diversity enriches the lives of all and whose members develop mutual respect and a strong sense of personal and community identity,
- develop a sense of community and intellectual excitement among students, faculty, staff, and alumni through all aspects of the learning experience,
- make the University a dynamic force that contributes significantly to the social, cultural, and intellectual vitality of the region and to its economic success, and
- establish interdisciplinary, collaborative partnerships between the University and the state capital community which enhance the teaching, scholarship, and service of the University.

