

California State University, Northridge
Tseng College: Graduate, International and Midcareer Education

University Access Programs Unit Description

The University Access Programs unit coordinates the planning and management of distinctive programs that expand access to CSUN's academic offerings. Each program serves a unique population and supports specific educational pathways and goals.

CSUN: Advancing Student Achievement Program (ASAP)

The ASAP allows formerly matriculated CSUN students to enroll in CSUN courses as non-matriculated students working toward re-enrollment (matriculation) at CSUN and, in turn, move forward to successful degree completion. Those ASAP students working toward degree completion receive initial and regular CSUN advisement regarding the best academic path to achieve their degree completion goals from their college of major associate dean or delegate.

Students in the ASAP will be enrolled in regularly offered CSUN courses each term (for which they meet any necessary prerequisite requirements) on a "space available" basis starting the first day of non-restrictive enrollment each term. A Permission Number to do so will be given as soon as possible but no later than the end of the first week of classes for the term in question.

The ASAP program serves the following:

CSUN academically disqualified students taking courses to improve their overall grade point average to the level required for seeking readmission to CSUN.

Note: ASAP cannot serve disqualified CSUN international students who require an I-20 to reenter or remain in the US.

CSUN students who left CSUN in good standing and are seeking to re-enroll, ASAP will allow the student to begin taking courses and move forward while waiting for final readmission decisions (which can take as long as a year). Former CSUN students waiting for re-enrollment can take and apply as many as 24 credit units as non-matriculated undergraduate and 9 credit units as non-matriculated graduate students toward their degree. These students would also receive guidance from the designee working with ASAP students in this category.

Open University

Open University allows individuals who are not current CSUN or formerly matriculated CSUN students (community members from the region – online courses also give enrollment access to those throughout the state and beyond) or CSUN alumni the ability to enroll in CSUN's Fall Semester, Winter Session, Spring Semester and Summer Session courses. About 20% of Fall Semester and Spring Semester courses are fully online, while about 85% of Summer Session courses and almost 100% of Winter courses are entirely online. Students enrolled through Open University receive CSUN academic credit, which appears on an official CSUN transcript. Some of those taking courses through CSUN's Open University program are students from other

institutions who transfer CSUN course credits to their home institutions and/or later apply the credits toward a degree at CSUN.

Open University also serves CSUN graduates who wish to take selected CSUN courses to expand their professional range or pursue a personal intellectual interest.

CSUN's Winter Term

CSUN's Winter Term is a self-support, accelerated session offered during the university's winter break. Winter Term enables CSUN degree-seeking students the opportunity to take courses to move forward toward degree completion in an accelerated format. Most CSUN courses offered in the Winter Term are fully online. Some in-person options may occur in January when the campus is open and before the Spring Semester. Students may take up to four units during the Winter Term.

Winter Term is offered using self-support funding, thus both matriculated CSUN students and non-matriculated students can register for classes. Enrollment is open to all current CSUN students in good standing, prospective students, students from other colleges and universities, alumni, and individuals from the community.