International Programs and Partnerships

Offering academic programs and a true American university experience

- Intensive English Program
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Why choose California State University, Northridge

Our strong reputation

CSUN is a highly regarded public university with more than 30 years’ experience welcoming students from around the world. Every year, nearly 3,000 international students come to CSUN to achieve their goals and to experience life in Southern California.

Our academic focus

We help you get ready for your next step – whether you want to pursue a degree, study English, or stay for a semester or two and return to your home country to continue your studies. With over 60 undergraduate majors, more than 50 graduate programs and two professional doctoral degrees, we are sure to have what you are looking for.

A bridge into the university

At CSUN, you can do more than just study English. We make it easy to transition into the university. Many students who successfully complete our Intensive English Program go on to enroll as full-time university students and earn their degrees at CSUN.
Our excellent location

CSUN is in the northern part of the City of Los Angeles. It’s a wonderful place to live and to study. There's always something interesting going on. On our campus, you will find palm trees, gardens, modern architecture and places to study, swim, exercise and hang out with your fellow CSUN students. Nearby are Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Southern California’s beautiful beaches.
English-language skills for academic success

Intensive English Program

This year-round, academic, on-campus program offers 8-week, 16-week and 24-week courses. It is designed to help you acquire the English-language skills needed for university-level coursework – undergraduate or graduate. Our academic focus will help you develop skills in public speaking, presentation, academic research and writing.

As a student in the IEP program, you will enjoy the following:

- Small classes (typically 15-20 students) taught by expert instructors
- Free personalized one-on-one tutoring
- Apartment style on-campus housing
- Sport club and social activities

We offer classes for all levels

All students take a placement exam and are placed in a level of instruction based on the exam result.

Foundation (Beginning) – builds basic English-language skills

Academic Skills (Intermediate) – develops core skills for university-study preparation

University Bridge (Advanced) – transitional courses from the IEP to the university and for students who plan to receive a TOEFL waiver for undergraduate and graduate studies

Your options for university study at CSUN

- Conditional admission with IEP
  You may earn pre-approval for admission to undergraduate and graduate degree programs once you have achieved the required English-language proficiency score or obtained a TOEFL waiver.

- Semester at CSUN (SAC)
  Spend one or two semesters with us.

- Taking university-credit courses
  Academic Skills 3 or higher – the option of substituting university-credit courses for one or more IEP classes.

Typical IEP class schedule

(schedule subject to change)

Monday through Friday

9 a.m. Speaking, listening, writing, reading, presentation and academic research

10 a.m. Lunch Break

11 a.m. Test prep for TOEFL & IELTS, conversation, vocabulary

12 p.m. Supplemental Courses* – idioms, grammar, culture, pronunciation, tutoring, English for math

1 p.m. University Bridge

2 p.m. Academic Skills

3 p.m. University Bridge

4 p.m. Academic Skills

5 p.m. Foundation

*No classes on Friday

I found friends who love to travel and explore the world. Definitely, we speak English all the time and that contributes to helping us speak more fluently today.

– Winai Muneepreerak (Thailand)

I came to IEP in August 2012 and successfully applied to be an undergraduate at CSUN in June 2013. IEP is not only a place to study English. We are all friends here, wherever you are from.

– Ziyan Wang (China)

Going to Universal Studios Hollywood was a unique experience for me. I loved the Studio Tour because I saw where they film and how they do it.

– Alaa Albahi (Saudi Arabia)

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A dynamic, three-week program offered in July

English Language and Cultural Experience (ELCE)

This program enables you to improve your English-language skills and to broaden your understanding of American culture. It combines classroom learning with recreational activities on and around the campus, such as pool parties, shopping, dining at local restaurants and visits to museums and exhibitions.

ELCE is open to groups and individual students. This comprehensive program includes 15 hours per week of classroom instruction and activities on and around campus.

Programs tailored to meet your group’s needs

Customized Short Programs for Groups

The IEP brings long experience and rich expertise to customizing programs for groups from around the world. These programs can last from two weeks to two semesters.

Some recent programs we have designed and hosted:

- English and Critical Thinking
- English and TEFL teacher training
- English and Health Sciences
- English for Public Administration
- English for the Fashion Industry

We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with your school or company to create a course specifically tailored to your goals.

Your patience, tolerance and hospitality made it a fantastic stay for me and my five colleagues...we met with inspiring people who have outstanding achievements in their field.

– Fujian Zhu (China)
Spend a semester – or two – studying alongside American students

Semester at CSUN Program (SAC)

Studying at CSUN allows you to experience life at an American university.* You may seek to study subjects that are not taught at your home university, or perhaps you wish to gain new perspectives about your field of study. By enrolling in SAC, you can complete coursework that may later be transferred to your home university (upon approval).

At CSUN, you will enjoy a great study-abroad experience. As a student in the SAC program, you will receive full support from our staff – from the moment you submit an application through the completion of your semester. We help you along the way, so you can relax and focus on your studies.

Brazilian Science Mobility Program (BSMP) students also study at CSUN through SAC.

For more information about Semester at CSUN, email sac@csun.edu.

* U.S. citizens are not eligible to apply to the SAC program.

Obtain an undergraduate or graduate degree or a graduate certificate

Degree Programs

A number of CSUN degree programs and certificates are available for international students. Some of our more popular areas of study include Business, Cinema and Television, Engineering, Health Sciences and Administration, Music Industry Administration, Public Administration and Taxation.

For a full list of university programs, visit www.csun.edu/catalog.

We are having the best times of our lives here at CSUN. The infrastructure, support and people are amazing.

– Allan Amorim (Brazil)

Communicating with American students lets me know more about how to face life with passion and self-confidence.

– Kehan Yu (China)

I am so delighted to spend my time in IEP classes because they prepare me for university classes.

– Ayda Behbahanian (Iran)

Statement of Nondiscrimination and Disability Services Information

CSUN does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran status, as monitored by the Department of Labor (Office of Federal Contract Compliance) and the Department of Education, or in violation of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the regulations adopted thereunder.
We want to ensure that you feel at home in the classroom, on campus, in Los Angeles and in Southern California.

International students enjoy access to campus facilities and services, such as the library, the Student Health Center, computer labs, our Wi-Fi network, as well as recreational areas and swimming pools.

**On-campus Housing**
- Furnished two-bedroom, apartment-style units are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so that you can live in the same community as other CSUN students.

**Immigration Services**
- Our staff offers one-on-one help with student visas as well as other required documentation throughout your stay at CSUN.

**Academic Support Services**
- We provide assistance with enrollment and registration.
- Our staff provides ongoing IEP academic and student-life counseling, as well as an orientation to help new students familiarize themselves with CSUN.
- Registration assistance for the TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS examinations is also available.

**Special Activities and Excursions**
- You will take a tour of Los Angeles, including a shopping trip, after your arrival.
- Trips to the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, San Diego and San Francisco are also available.
Our web site has all the information you need on our programs, fees and application deadlines.

www.csun.edu/go/ipp

Have questions? We’re here to help.

Just send us an email at ipp@csun.edu

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