INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE
WELCOME

Picture a beautiful campus in sunny Los Angeles with acres of green space, palm trees and contemporary architecture. Add academically competitive programs taught by respected scholars and researchers, and modern facilities equipped with 21st-century technology, with a focus on practical training and internships. Wrap it up in an environment that is supportive, nurturing and friendly.

Money magazine ranks CSUN in the TOP 10 colleges in the nation for value.

WHY WE’RE SPECIAL

- Small class sizes and low student-faculty ratio
- More than 300 clubs and organizations
- One-on-one faculty mentoring
- Extensive academic support services
- 356-acre campus convenient to major Los Angeles attractions

CSUN is located 37 kilometers northwest of downtown Los Angeles in the heart of the San Fernando Valley. The neighborhood is a lively, multicultural mix of residential and commercial areas full of interesting shops and eateries. We’re surrounded by picturesque mountains, and just over the hill are the bright lights of Hollywood and the world-famous beaches of Santa Monica, Venice, Malibu and other major attractions.

TRANSPORTATION

- Buses: Antelope Valley Transit Authority, LADOT DASH and Metro
- Freeways
- Lyft and Uber
- Metrolink trains
- Metro U-Pass
- Vanpool and Zimride carpool
- Zipcar ridesharing

Disneyland 80 km
Griffith Park and Observatory 28 km
Hollywood 32 km
Santa Monica Beach 37 km
Six Flags Magic Mountain 32 km
Venice Beach 28 km
Universal Studios 19 km
STUDENT LIFE

GET INVOLVED
The International and Exchange Student Center organizes and supports programming and special events for international students and scholars. It also offers social support to aid international students and scholars as they settle into the Northridge community.

STUDENT PANELS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CURRICULUM AND EDUCATION
The SPICE program consists of a diverse group of international students who present information on the topics that professors teach in their classes from the perspective of their home country and culture.

PHI BETA DELTA
PBD is an academic and professional international honor society. Membership includes international students, local students with international experience, and faculty and staff involved in international activities.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK
International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This is a joint initiative by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the U.S.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
The ISA invites international students to experience and appreciate different cultures and promote international friendship. The association encourages everyone, including American students interested in world culture, to join.

STUDENT HOUSING
Residents live in a secure, gated environment with swimming pools, internet, sports courts, themed living communities, a 24-hour computer lab and private study lounges.

Not only do students who live on campus build a stronger connection to the campus community, but studies have shown that residents tend to excel academically, with higher GPAs and graduation rates than those of their peers living off campus.

Living in a learning or themed living community allows you to move in early and participate in special activities and events.

Community types include:
- Cinema Television Arts
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Health and Wellness Studies
- Honors
- Lighthouse
- Living Above the Influence
- MatasExplore
- MATA+MORE
- Mataphere
- Music

Visit csun.edu/housing/learning-communities for details.

HOW TO APPLY
The housing application period opens the first week of February. Space is limited, so you’re encouraged to apply early. Visit csun.edu/housing/apply.

MEAL PLANS
- Residents without kitchens are required to purchase one of the following meal plans: 10, 12, 14 or All-Access Meals.
- Residents with kitchens are strongly encouraged to purchase the following meal plans: 10, 12, 14, All-Access Meals, or the Matador 200 and 270 (200 or 270 meals per academic year).
- All meal plans are available to nonresidents as well as the Matador 25 (25 meals per academic year).

Visit csun.edu/csundining/mealplan-descriptions for details.
CSUN is one of 23 campuses comprising the CSU system, which serves more than 437,000 college students across the state of California. CSUN offers:

- **More than 60 Majors**
- **Nearly 70 Master’s Degrees**
- **3 Doctoral Programs**
- **Nearly 39,000 Enrolled Students**
- **More than 300 Clubs and Organizations**
- **17 Division 1 Sports Teams**
- **A Low Student-Faculty Ratio: 23.8:1**
- **Average Class Size: 27 Students**

**Alumni Earnings by Major**

Visit [calstatelopays.org](http://calstatelopays.org).

**Where Alumni Work**

- 21st Century Fox
- American Airlines
- Banamex
- Bank of America
- Capitol Latin
- Deloitte
- Enterprise Rent-a-Car
- Ernst & Young
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Farmers Insurance
- Fox Sports News
- Geico
- General Motors
- J.D. Power and Associates
- Laserfiche
- Lockheed Martin
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
- NBC
- New York Life Insurance Company
- Northrop Grumman
- Paramount Pictures
- Princess Cruises
- Prudential
- Quest Diagnostics
- Samsung Group
- Sprint
- The Walt Disney Co.
- Warner Bros.
- Universal Pictures
- U.S. Bank

**Most Popular Majors Among International Students**

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**Race/Ethnicity**

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Information subject to change.

MAJORS AND OPTIONS

From chemistry to communication studies, English to engineering, CSUN has something for everyone.

MAJORS & OPTIONS

[20x459]MAJORS AND OPTIONS

[65x629]English to engineering, CSUN

[65x641]communication studies,
schools in the world.

We are California's leading public university in preparing future teachers.

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Assistive Technology Engineering

Civil Engineering

Computer Engineering

Computer Information Technology

Computer Science

Construction Management

Electrical Engineering

Electrical Engineering Management

Manufacturing Systems Engineering

Materials Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Software Engineering

Structural Engineering

College of Health and Human Development

Assistive Technology Studies and Human Services

Child and Adolescent Development

Applied Developmental Science

Early Childhood Development

Communicative Disorders

Environmental and Occupational Health

Industrial Hygiene

Family and Consumer Sciences

Apparel Design and Merchandising

Consumer Affairs

Consumer Affairs and Family Studies

Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Family Studies

Interior Design

Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Science

Health Administration

Human Nutrition

Dietetic Internship

Knowledge

Apparel Fitness and Active Lifestyle Development

Dance

Exercise Science

Physical Education

Sport Studies

Physical Therapy

Public Health

Applied Epidemiology

Community Health Education

Tourism, Hospitality, and Recreation Management

Hospitality Management

Recreational Sport Management/Recreation Management

Tourism Management

College of Humanities

Asian American Studies

Central American Studies

Chicano/a Studies

Chicano/a Studies Social Science Subject Matter Waiver

English

Creative Writing

Four-Year Integrated English Subject Matter Program for the Single Subject Credential

Honors

Junior-Year Integrated English Subject Matter Program for the Single Subject Credential

Liberal Studies

Rhetoric and Composition

Subject Matter Program for the Single Subject Credential

Gender and Women’s Studies

Humanities

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

African American Studies

African American Urban Education

African and African American Humanities and Cultural Studies

African and African American Social Sciences

Anthropology

Applied Anthropology

Applied Behavioral Analysis

Criminology and Justice Studies

Geographic Information Science

Geography

Geographic Information Science

History

Political Science

American Politics

Global Politics

Law and Society

Politics and Government

Public Policy and Management

Psychological Science

Psychology

Clinical Fieldwork

Clinical Research

Honor's

College of Science and Mathematics

Biology

Biotechnology/Medical Technology

Cell and Molecular Biology

Biology and Evolutionary Biology

Marine Biology

Microbiology

Chemistry

Geology

Geophysics

Mathematics

Applied Mathematics

Four-Year Integrated Mathematics Subject Matter Program for the Single Subject Credential

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Liberal Studies

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Gender and Women’s Studies

Humanities

College of Business and Economics

Accounting

Economics

Accountancy

Advanced Economics

Public Administration

Geographical Information Systems and Technologies

Health Administration

Nonprofit Sector Management

Performance Management and Productivity in the Public Sector

Public Policy Analysis and Management

Public Sector Management and Leadership

Public Administration

Public Sector Management

Social Work

Sociology

Urban Planning

Urban Studies and Planning

David Nazararian College of Business and Economics

Accountancy

Economics

Accountancy

Advanced Economics

Public Administration

Geographical Information Systems and Technologies

Health Administration

Nonprofit Sector Management

Performance Management and Productivity in the Public Sector

Public Policy Analysis and Management

Public Sector Management and Leadership

Public Administration

Public Sector Management

Social Work

Sociology

Urban Planning

Urban Studies and Planning

Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication

Art

Visual Arts

Cinema and Television Arts

Film Production

Media Theory and Criticism

Multimedia Production

Screenwriting

Television Production

Communication Studies

Journalism

Broadcast

Public Relations

Mass Communication

Music

Breadth Studies

Collaborative Piano Performance

Composition

Composition/Commercial and Media Writing

Conducting

Jazz Studies

Keyboard

Music Education

Music Industry Studies

Music Therapy

Percussion

Performance

Strings

Vocal Arts

Winds

Music Industry Administration

Screenwriting

Theatre

The Princeton Review consistently rates CSUN as one of the world's BEST business schools.
ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

FOR FRESHMEN

1. Completion of the equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma

2. Equivalent to a U.S. grade point average of 3.0


4. Official transcripts from all colleges attended, as well as high school transcripts if you have not completed two years of college

5. Official English translations of all academic records, including certificates, degrees or diplomas

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS (ALREADY STUDYING IN THE U.S.)

1. Completion of the four basic subject requirements: college-level math, critical thinking, speech and written composition

2. Equivalent to a U.S. GPA of 2.0

3. Official transcripts from all colleges attended, as well as high school transcripts if you have not completed two years of college

To find out if your school can send eTranscripts, go to csun.edu/admissions-records/etranscript-california.

If you have been attending a college or university outside the U.S., you will need all of the above plus an official test score proving your English language proficiency (internet-based TOEFL: minimum 61; IELTS: minimum 6.0; PTE: minimum 45) or be exempt.

Admissions requirements are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit csun.edu/admissions-records/international.

HOW TO APPLY

Go to calstate.edu/apply. If you need help with the online application, please email intladm@csun.edu.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Oct. 1-May 31 ➤ Application filing period for the following fall semester

February ➤ February, or the end of your first semester (senior year). Turn in your preliminary documents.

May 1 ➤ File your Intent to Register

June 15 ➤ Last day to submit your final documents

Aug. 2 ➤ Last day to submit your proof of health insurance

Aug. 16 ➤ Last day to enter the U.S. before classes begin

“CSUN gave me the opportunity to follow my dream of becoming a researcher by providing me with undergraduate research opportunities and dedicated instructors. At CSUN I felt supported and accepted; I felt like I could achieve anything and be successful in anything I do.”

—Vanessa Muhl, Germany biology
ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

STUDENT SUCCESS PATHWAY PROGRAM
Created for first-time freshmen, this one-year program helps students develop the academic and English-language skills needed to succeed at CSUN. Participants receive at least 15 units of transferable academic credits, integrated classes with American students, and a CSUN student ID, which provides access to campus-wide facilities.

If you maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better and meet the university’s English-proficiency admission requirements, you can receive preapproved admission to CSUN. Receiving a C- or better in LING 113B satisfies CSUN’s English-proficiency admission requirement.

SEMESTER AT CSUN
This study-abroad program welcomes international students to experience CSUN for one or two semesters. SAC participants receive academic advisement and attend classes for credit with American students. They can also access campus facilities and activities while immersing themselves in the culture.

SAC provides an excellent opportunity to experience American campus life right here in Los Angeles. It is also a great option for international students taking a gap year.

go.csun.edu/international

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM
IEP offers English-language instruction for international students. It includes help with reading, writing, speaking, listening and academic research as well as tutoring for TOEFL/IELTS. Advanced IEP students can even take classes for CSUN credit or receive conditional admission to certain university programs, including some at the graduate level. IEP start dates are in January, March, June, August and October, and programs are 8, 16 and 24 weeks long. IEP with conditional admissions applicants must meet their desired program’s admissions requirements.

CUSTOMIZED CONTRACTED PROGRAMS
CSUN also creates custom programs for international groups, ranging from two weeks to two months and covering most fields of study. For example, English Language and Cultural Experience combines language training and cultural activities so that students can experience life in Los Angeles as they acquire the English skills they need to succeed.

GRADUATE STUDIES
If you are interested in pursuing graduate studies, you will need a four-year baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution, good academic standing at the last college or university you attended and a minimum GPA of 2.5. Depending on what you want to study, there may be additional departmental requirements (check with your program office).

U.S. News and World Report consistently ranks our College of Engineering and Computer Science among the U.S.’s best undergraduate engineering programs.
When comparing costs and tuition at various colleges and universities, you’ll see that CSUN is a better value for your dollar.

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<td>24 units/two semesters</td>
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<td>$16,476*</td>
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<td>Insurance (12-month coverage)</td>
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<td>Other expenses (including transportation and personal expenditures)</td>
<td>$1,674</td>
<td>$1,844</td>
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*If you’re not a California resident you must pay the basic tuition and fees plus $396 per unit (included).

California State University makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Fees listed in published schedules or student accounts may need to be increased when public funding is inadequate. Therefore, CSU must reserve the right, even after fees are initially charged or initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees. All listed fees, other than mandatory systemwide fees, are subject to change without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun. All CSU listed fees should be regarded as estimates that are subject to change upon approval by the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, or the Presidents, as appropriate. Changes in mandatory systemwide fees will be made in accordance with the requirements of the Working Families Student Fee Transparency and Accountability Act (Sections 66028-66028.6 of the Education Code).

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Awards range from $500 to $12,000, with the average being $11,126.

Some scholarships open to international students include:

- Associated Students International Matador Scholarship ($3,000)
- Dianne F. Harrison Leadership Award ($8,000)
- College and department scholarships (varies)
- University scholarships ($7,500)
- Presidential scholarships ($10,000)

Visit csun.edu/financialaid/scholarships for details.
Download our free CSUN app (App Store or Google Play), which offers a host of information about our campus, including a virtual tour and an interactive 3D map.

CAMPUS TOURS
To book a tour, go to csun.edu/prospectivestudents/visit-csun.

PREADMISSION COUNSELING
Contact Student Outreach and Recruitment at outreach.recruitment@csun.edu. csun.edu/prospectivestudents

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