Picture a beautiful campus in sunny Los Angeles with acres of green grass, palm trees and contemporary architecture. Add academically competitive programs taught by respected scholars and researchers, and modern facilities equipped with 21st-century technology. Wrap it up in an environment that is supportive, nurturing and friendly. Top it off with a price tag that won’t break the bank. What do you have?

It’s California State University, Northridge, a great university in one of the world’s global cities. We’re one of 23 campuses of the California State University system, the nation’s largest public education system. Ours is among the top five universities in the state in terms of enrollment. While we’re all part of a community known as the Matadors, there’s no such thing as a typical CSUN student. We reflect the wonderful mix of humanity that makes Los Angeles such an interesting place to live. No matter what your race or ethnicity, political preference, religion or age, you’ll find your niche at CSUN.
“When I got here, I saw how awesome it was — the atmosphere, the people, the weather, the squirrels — this is my home.”

Karisma Gideon
Gender and women’s studies, ‘13
Between the mountains and the sea

CSUN is located 23 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles in the heart of the San Fernando Valley. The neighborhood is a lively, multiethnic mix of residential and commercial areas full of interesting shops and eateries. We’re surrounded by picturesque mountains, but just over the hill are the bright lights of Hollywood and the world-famous beaches of Santa Monica, Venice and Malibu.
A place in the sun

Our campus is large but easy to navigate, with pleasant paths for walking and bike riding, and lots of shade trees. If you take a campus tour, you’ll see many new buildings. During the past two decades, we’ve transformed into a modern, urban campus. Bring along your SPF 30 — in our corner of the world, the sun shines year-round.
From chemistry to communication studies, English to engineering, CSUN has something for everyone. Our nine academic colleges offer 70 undergraduate degrees, 55 graduate degrees and 28 teaching credential programs. Our most popular majors include biology, business, cinema and television arts, liberal studies and psychology. But we have lots of programs for those who march to the beat of a different drummer. How about tourism, hospitality and recreation management, where the great outdoors is your classroom. Or Central American studies, the first such degree in the country. Or deaf studies, nationally recognized as one of the best programs of its kind.

Whatever you choose, your academic experience won’t be bound by the four walls of the classroom. We believe in learning by doing. You’ll have opportunities to apply your newfound knowledge in the real world. Many of our students earn course credits while working as interns at major corporations or nonprofits, doing fieldwork in the community or participating in service-learning projects. You can also check out our dozens of online courses and review our University Catalog online at catalog.csun.edu — or download the catalog from iTunes.
Even though we’re one of the largest Cal State campuses, you won’t be just another face in the crowd. We’re a learning-centered university. That means that you are your professors’ top priority. At some schools, large class sizes make it difficult for students to receive individual attention. Our class sizes are relatively small, averaging 30 students. Your instructors will get to know you and make themselves available outside of class if you need extra help or are looking for a mentor. You may even have the opportunity to work alongside your professor on a research project that will be published in a scholarly journal.
“I looked at schools with good film programs. Suddenly various people — family members, people in my church — were talking about how they had gone to CSUN and how amazing it was. I looked into CSUN and found out for myself how amazing the film program was.”

Matthew Lengyel
Cinema and television arts (film production), ’13
Oviatt Library

The Delmar T. Oviatt Library is the intellectual and geographic heart of our campus. Don’t be surprised if this iconic structure looks familiar. The grand staircase and towering columns have been used as a backdrop in many TV shows and Hollywood films — 45 of them in all. The Oviatt Library has a collection of more than 1.4 million volumes, but it’s much more than a place to check out books or cram for exams. Did you know that you can get help from a reference librarian 24/7? Consult with a specialist in your field of study? Check out a laptop? Access 53,000 online journals anytime of the day or night? Our collections are huge. They include nearly 13,000 film and video recordings, 275,000 e-books and 38,500 items in Special Collections.

library.csun.edu
See the world ... or just another state

Paris, Madrid, Tokyo ... it’s a big world out there, so why not explore it? Once you obtain upper-division or graduate standing, you’ll be eligible to spend an academic year abroad at one of our partner schools in 18 countries. You’ll earn resident academic credit toward your degree, pay the same tuition as you would at CSUN and remain eligible for financial aid (except for work-study). If you prefer to stay closer to home, you may study for a semester or academic year at another college or university in the United States or Canada. Learn more about international study at www.csun.edu/international/abroad. For U.S. and Canadian options, visit www.csun.edu/international/exchange.

Services for the deaf and hard of hearing

Why do more deaf and hard-of-hearing students choose CSUN over any other mainstream institution? Our National Center on Deafness provides academic help and support services you won’t find elsewhere. You can take a course, talk to an advisor, work with a tutor and attend a career panel — all in sign language. We also provide captioning services and classroom note taking. www.csun.edu/ncod

Students with disabilities

At CSUN, you’re a student first and a student with a disability second. We offer an inclusive environment where people of all abilities can achieve their fullest potential. Whether you need a note taker, a quiet spot to take an exam or a Braille textbook, Disability Resources and Educational Services can help. www.csun.edu/dres
Concerts and themed dances, outdoor movies, comedy shows, a craft corner, the Matador Mall, karaoke contests and game tournaments, the popular Matador Nights — there’s always something fun to do on campus. The University Student Union area is a busy town square, with a convenience store, restaurants, a bank, a performance hall, outdoor seating areas and quiet study nooks (usu.csun.edu). If you want to meet new people and have fun outside class, check out our clubs and organizations — we have more than 200. From salsa dancing to sailing, Buddhism to business law, chess to Chicano culture, you’re bound to find something that will float your boat. If you’ve always been curious about Greek life, why not pledge a fraternity or sorority? We also have a vibrant Greek scene on campus. www.csun.edu/getinvolved
You probably know we have an NCAA Division I sports program, with dozens of Big West Conference titles to our credit. Our offerings include baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field, and volleyball. Several of our graduates are wearing pro sports jerseys these days, and a few are Olympic medal winners. But you don’t need to be an athlete to play sports here. Our intramural program accepts all comers. Ultimate Frisbee, dodgeball, basketball — it’s all about having a good time.

www.gomatadors.com
“Whatever it is that you’re looking for, there’s something here for you. CSUN has everything you could think of under the sun.”

Audrey Rose M. Mercado
College counseling and student services, ’13
Everyone is excited about our new Student Recreation Center. The bright, eco-friendly facility features an outdoor recreation pool; courts for badminton, basketball, racquetball and volleyball; three studios for boxing, dancing and classes; open gym areas and training zones; an arena for hockey and soccer; and a lounge space. Not to mention the Ridge, a 40-foot rock-climbing wall, the state-of-the-art indoor track and the many ADA accessibility features. You can check out equipment and take advantage of the free towel service — and perhaps the best part is that its costs are already covered in your University Student Union fees.

src.csun.edu
You can attend symphonies, dance, opera, theater and musical theater events, as well as film screenings and lectures, at one of the newest additions to the CSUN campus, the Valley Performing Arts Center. Students get a 40 percent discount, and some tickets are just $10. Besides the dramatic and elegant professional performance hall, the center also has a 178-seat black box theater for experimental and small-scale student productions, two full-size rehearsal spaces, a lecture hall, labs and other academic spaces. The campus radio station, KCSN 88.5 FM, is here too. Among the many world-famous performers to have taken the stage is Academy Award-winning actress, dancer and author Shirley MacLaine. After her show, she proclaimed, “This is the most incredible theater I’ve performed at in 4,000 years — and to think, it’s in the Valley!”

www.valleyperformingartscenter.org
Home sweet campus

Student-friendly, off-campus housing is plentiful nearby, but your best bet may be on-campus living. Research shows that students who live on campus earn better grades. As an on-campus resident, you’ll enjoy access to special support services. You may also join one of our many living learning or themed living communities, where you’ll reside among those who share your academic interests or life experiences.

We have three housing options, all in secure, gated environments. For freshmen, there are suites where two can share a bedroom in a community of 32 students, with semiprivate bathrooms, spacious living and meeting rooms, and quiet areas for study. For freshmen and transfer students, there are two-bedroom furnished apartments, most with a kitchen. Our family housing comprises one- and two-bedroom unfurnished apartments, each with a kitchen and patio. Whatever option you choose, you’ll enjoy access to heated swimming pools and sports courts. All units come cable ready with wireless Internet.

housing.csun.edu
It's important that your CSUN experience is a healthy and happy one. At the Klotz Student Health Center (www.csun.edu/studenthealthcenter), you can visit a physician for a routine or an urgent medical matter and take advantage of specialty services such as acupuncture, chiropractic, dentistry, dermatology, optometry, reproductive health and more. If you’re stressed out or having a hard time keeping all the balls in the air, our licensed professionals at University Counseling Services can help. Many offerings, such as basic medical care, are provided at no charge; others are available at student-friendly prices. Keep in mind that for major medical expenses, you’ll need your own health insurance. Learn about health policies designed especially for CSUN students at www.csuhealthlink.com.
GOT QUESTIONS?
MATTY’S GOT ANSWERS

Matty is our online answer man for all things CSUN. Are you wondering what kind of GPA you need to get in, how much it costs to park on campus or when you need to file your application? Simply type your question in the search box on the Ask Matty page. If Matty doesn’t already have the answer, our team of researchers will provide you with a personal response.
www.csun.edu/askmatty
If you come from a low-income background and are the first in your family to attend college, you may be eligible for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). EOP provides admissions and support services to qualified students. If you demonstrate the potential to earn a degree but do not meet regular admissions criteria, EOP may be able to help you obtain special consideration. You also may be eligible for a grant to help pay for your educational expenses.

www.csun.edu/eop

Stay connected

Spread your beach towel on the lawn, stretch out under the sun and do some Internet research on your laptop. We have wireless network access across campus. Our classrooms are high-tech, too. Most are equipped with data projectors, wireless and wired network connections, and DVD/VCR players. More good news. It’s not essential that you bring your own computer — we have more than 3,400 computers for students to use.
Admissions requirements*

First-time freshmen

You will need to be a high school graduate who has completed the following college preparatory courses with a grade of C or better.

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You will also need to meet the minimum eligibility index,† which is a combination of your grade point average (GPA) and SAT or ACT scores. To determine your GPA, use only the college-prep courses listed above and taken during the 10th, 11th and 12th grades. If you have taken honors, AP or college courses, please see your counselor, as you may be eligible to add bonus points to your index.

If you are a local area resident, you will need a minimum eligibility index of 2,900 if you are using the SAT score or a minimum of 694 using the ACT score. Out-of-area residents need a minimum of 3,200 using the SAT score or a minimum of 740 using the ACT score.

If you are using your SAT score, use the following formula to calculate your eligibility index:

\[ \text{GPA} \times 800 + \text{SAT score (critical reading and math only)} = \text{eligibility index} \]

If you are using your ACT score, use the following formula to calculate your eligibility index:

\[ \text{GPA} \times 200 + (10 \times \text{ACT composite score}) = \text{eligibility index} \]

Not a California resident?

If you are not a California resident or did not graduate from a California high school, you will need a somewhat higher eligibility index. You can find the eligibility index at www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/nonresidents.asp.

Transfer students

If you will have at least 60 transferable semester units (or 90 transferable quarter units) completed by the time you enter, you are considered an upper-division applicant. You must have completed the four general education requirements —written communications, critical thinking, speech and college-level math — and have a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Applying is easy

Apply online at www.csumentor.edu. The initial filing period for first-time freshmen and transfer students is Oct. 1-Nov. 30 for the following fall semester. To find out if CSUN is accepting applications for spring admission, visit www.csumentor.edu.

You’ll need the following:

- Unofficial high school and/or college transcripts
- ACT, SAT, AP and/or TOEFL test scores
- $55 application fee or fee waiver

* Admissions requirements are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please visit www.csun.edu/outreach.
† Meeting the minimum eligibility index does not guarantee admission.
Money matters

At CSUN we’re committed to helping make your dream of attending college a reality. Did you know that most of our students receive financial aid? There’s a good chance you may be eligible as well. There are four types of financial aid: grants, loans, scholarships and work-study. To find out if you are eligible, fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. For more information about financial aid at CSUN, visit www.csun.edu/financialaid. The priority period for filing your FAFSA is Jan.1-March 2 of the calendar year in which you wish to enroll.

Per-semester costs for undergraduate students who are California residents

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If you are not a California resident, add $372 per unit to the fees listed above.

*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, California State University must reserve the right, even after initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees, without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun. All California State University listed fees should be regarded as estimates that are subject to change upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

Come check us out

The best way to find out what we’re all about is to visit us in person. Our one-hour campus tours are led by student volunteers known as University Ambassadors. They’ll be the ones wearing big smiles and red polo shirts. On a campus tour, you’ll become familiar with our many facilities and services, plus get the inside scoop on life as a CSUN student. www.csun.edu/outreach/campustours
Jump-start your career

“Able to hit the ground running.” “Willing to dig in and get the job done.” “Team players.” These are a few things satisfied employers say about CSUN graduates. We know that finding a good job after graduation is a top priority for you. Our Career Center is here to help, with on-campus interviews, job fairs, an online job board, vocational assessments and more. You can also get your resume critiqued by a professional, attend a workshop to help you find your true calling in life, learn how to negotiate a salary and polish your interview skills.

www.csun.edu/career

What employers say about CSUN

“Having had firsthand experience with CSUN students as interns and full-time employees over the years, I can honestly say that the university does an excellent job in preparing them for the television industry.”

Bruce K. Rosenblum, Class of ’77
Executive vice president, media research
Warner Bros. Television Group

“When it comes to CSUN graduates and the university as a whole, J.D. Power and Associates is one very satisfied customer.”

J.D. Power III
Chairman and founder, J.D. Power and Associates
Adjunct professor, CSUN

“As a campus recruiter, I’ve seen firsthand that CSUN students are well-prepared to compete and succeed in the workplace.”

Ron Roberts Jr.
Campus recruiter, Ernst & Young LLP

“CSUN provides students not only with excellent academic backgrounds but the practical experience to contribute immediately to our programs.”

Charles H. Volk, Ph.D.
Vice president and chief technologist, Northrop Grumman
Navigation Systems Division
Did you know CSUN ...

- Is one of the top producers in the nation of students who go on to Ph.D. programs in science
- Has an engineering program that U.S. News & World Report ranks among the best in the country
- Offers academic and social support to veterans both through its Office of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Resource Center
- Is California’s leading producer of new teachers
- Ranks among the top 10 in the nation in the number of bachelor’s degrees awarded to Hispanic students
- Leads the California State University system in the number of graduates admitted to the California Bar Association after law school
- Opened the Pride Center — which offers peer mentoring, resources and social events to the LGBTQ community — in fall 2012
- Counts Guggenheim fellows and Fulbright scholars among its faculty of more than 1,800

Wait, there’s more

Now you know a few of the reasons that CSUN is a great choice if you’re looking for an academically competitive university that will prepare you for the world of work or admission to a top graduate program. But there’s much more to discover and learn. Why not do it now? Jump onto www.csun.edu to find out details about our academic programs, financial aid opportunities, clubs and organizations, and other exciting aspects of the CSUN experience.

And don’t be a stranger. Stop by for a campus tour. You’ll be glad you did.