Welcome Letter

On behalf of the Office of Graduate Studies, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to you as you embark on this exciting journey of pursuing your graduate studies. As you begin your graduate program at CSUN you are joining a prestigious institution with a rich tradition of academic excellence and cutting-edge research. Our dedicated faculty members are renowned experts in their respective fields and are committed to providing you with a rigorous educational experience.

At CSUN we believe that education extends beyond the classroom. As a graduate student, you will have access to an array of resources and opportunities that will enrich your learning experience. Whether it’s attending seminars, workshops, conferences, engaging in interdisciplinary collaborations, or participating in community outreach initiatives, you will find numerous avenues to broaden your horizons.

We understand that the transition to graduate school can be both exhilarating and challenging. That’s why we have a robust support system in place to ensure that you receive the guidance and assistance you need. Our dedicated staff members are here to help you navigate through the academic requirements, explore funding opportunities and access research facilities. Additionally, we encourage you to connect with your fellow graduate students, as they can be a valuable source of support and camaraderie throughout your graduate journey.

Beyond the academic realm, CSUN offers a vibrant and inclusive campus community. There is a wide range of student organizations, cultural events, athletic activities, and recreational facilities. I encourage you to take full advantage of all the resources and opportunities available to you during your time here. This is a remarkable chapter in your academic and personal growth, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

Congratulations on your admission, and once again, welcome!

Sincerely,
Amy Levin, M.S.W., Ph.D.
Assistant Vice President of Graduate Studies
Disclaimer

The resource/department offices presented in this Slide Orientation are available Monday to Friday.

Please check the department website for the most up-to-date Information.
Matadors

California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is a large campus with over 36,000 students and with a graduate population of over 4,100 students.

In the Fall of 2022, we welcomed over 1,500 first-time graduate students to our campus.

*Information provided by the Office of Institutional Research at CSUN.*
Location

The campus is in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, and is minutes away from Hollywood, Downtown, Los Angeles, and numerous Southern California attractions.
We encourage you to explore the CSUN’s website, to find information about the campus and its resources.
Understanding your Admission Status

• Upon accepting your admission to CSUN, you agree to adhere to the university’s policies. As a graduate student, it is your responsibility to know the rules and regulations governing your program. Each student should read the University Catalog.

• In addition, knowing your classification status is vital as you begin your graduate degree. Your classification is listed on your Graduate Admissions Evaluation (1295) form. The two types of admission classifications are Conditionally Classified and Classified.

IMPORTANT: Information provided by the University Catalog at CSUN.
Conditionally Classified Status

- Students who do not meet all requirements may be accepted as [conditionally classified students](#), subject to meeting various University and program requirements for classified status.

- It is important to achieve full classified standing prior to completing 12 units of graduate coursework on the program of study. No more than 12 units of work taken prior to attaining fully classified status will be applied to a master’s degree program.

**Note:** You must request classification through your Graduate Coordinator.

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Classified Status

• To be granted classified status, students must have a 3.0 GPA for all work taken as a conditionally classified student and in any courses required by the program for admission to its program. Once the requirements for classified status have been met, it is the responsibility of the students to notify their graduate coordinator. The graduate coordinator will then submit the Classification form to the Office of Graduate Studies.

• To meet the minimum requirements for classified status, the student must fulfill the following:
  ❖ A 3.0 GPA or higher in all work taken after completion of a bachelor’s degree.
  ❖ Hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Note: Individual departments or programs may have additional requirements. Refer to their websites for information.

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The office of Graduate Studies is responsible for the graduate domestic admissions process and implementing university graduate policies and procedures. We are also involved in support programs for graduate student funding as well as organizing events aimed at fostering students' academic success.

The Graduate Studies Division encompasses the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC), Graduate Domestic Admissions, and Graduate Evaluation Services.
Graduate Studies Staff Contact Information

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Gloria Rocklin, Administrative Analyst
Wendy Brown-Danks, Administrative Analyst
Naty Palos, Assistant to AVP

Graduate Domestic Admissions
Anita Narssu, Domestic Graduate Admissions Advisor (A to G)
Sandra Hernandez, Domestic Graduate Admissions Advisor (H to O)
Jessica Worland, Domestic Graduate Admissions Advisor (P to Z)

Graduate Evaluators
Lani Kiapos, DPR Senior Analyst
Tanya Kiapos, Graduate Evaluator-Evaluator for students with last name (A to L)
Judy Roberts, Graduate Evaluator -Evaluator for students with last name (M to Z)
Welcome New Matadors

The orientation slideshow will be sent to all incoming graduates as a five-part series.

Please find below the schedule:

Friday, July 14th

Part 2
How to Achieve Academic Success & Graduate Student Essentials

Friday, July 21st

Part 3
Graduate Student Events & Funding Opportunities

Part 4
Frequently Used Campus Departments

Friday, July 28th

Part 5
Campus Resources