



FALL 2020 UPDATE

The University Student Union (USU) at CSUN welcomes all students and the campus community to the Fall 2020 semester. You are invited to experience the wide range of exciting virtual events, programs and services we are currently offering. Everything the USU provides for you is intended to optimize your sense of belonging at CSUN through student engagement, connection and community building.

Check our website and social media often for more information about our virtual opportunities for you at the University Student Union... Where Matadors Belong!



UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

DREAM CENTER

INFORMATION FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

The DREAM Center of the University Student Union is a welcoming resource center that provides resources and services to undocumented students, mixed status families, staff, faculty, allies and future undocumented students while fostering a more inclusive campus community.

DREAM stands for Dreamers, Resources, Empowerment, Advocacy and Mentorship.

LEGAL AND NON-LEGAL SERVICES

We address the needs of undocumented students, members of mixed-status families, campus faculty and staff by providing the following services and resources:

- Assistance with AB 540, DREAM Act, DACA & scholarships (walk-in or by appointment)
- Peer Mentoring
- Programs & Services for Undocumented Students
- Legal Services Referrals
- Referrals to Counseling Resources
- Ally & Policy Literacy Trainings
- Policy & Legislative Updates
- Computer & Printer Access

DREAM CENTER SERVICES

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Undocu-Orientation
- Professional development webinars
- Student Employment Opportunities
- Undocu-Graduation
- CA DREAM Act Financial Aid Assistance

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Weekly Community Building Programs
- Mental Wellness Workshops
- Know Your Rights Clinics
- Ally Trainings (Available to the Campus Community)
- Let's Talk (UCS Counseling Services)

UNDOCU-ORIENTATION (Every Fall Semester)

This event welcomes incoming first-year freshman, transfer and Graduate undocumented students to become familiarized with CSUN's resources.

WELCOME TO YOUR UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION AT CSUN • WHERE MATADORS BELONG

NON-LEGAL SERVICES

- Office Hours with Financial Aid Counselor
- Office Hours with Faculty Mentors
- Let's Talk by University Counseling Services

VIRTUAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE NOW

Mondays – Thursdays
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
(818) 677-7069
dreamcenter@csun.edu

If you need help with finding resources, navigating financial aid and admissions, or need general support from the DREAM Center, you may now visit us virtually. Both Daniela Barcenás, our Interim Student Success Advisor, and Madison Villanueva, our Program Assistant, will be available to assist you by appointment. All you need to do is email us 48 hours in advance and then join us via Zoom during the times below:

Daniela Barcenás

Monday – Thursday
2 – 4 p.m.
Email at least 48 hours in advance for the Zoom meeting link.

Madison Villanueva

Monday – Thursday
2 – 4 p.m.
Email at least 48 hours in advance for the Zoom meeting link.

LEGAL SERVICES

Direct immigration legal services are available free of charge to **CSU Northridge students, faculty, staff and immediate family**. An immigration attorney is onsite on a weekly basis for general immigration related consultations. The legal services provided focus primarily on DACA renewals and general assistance in filling out immigration forms, such as family-based petitions.

Funding for the services is provided by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in collaboration with the CSU Chancellor's Office. Legal services are provided by the Central American Resource Center of Los Angeles (CARECEN). Founded in 1983, CARECEN is the largest Central American immigrant rights organization in the country; it empowers Central Americans and all immigrants by defending human and civil rights, working for social and economic justice, and promoting cultural diversity.

CARECEN services at the DREAM Center are only available for current CSU-affiliated individuals (student, staff, faculty) and their immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings and children).

For information about community legal services for non-CSU affiliated individuals or extended relatives, visit the California Department of Social Services Immigration Services webpage (carecenla.simplybook.me/v2/).

RESOURCES

AB 540

If you need help with filling out the forms, feel free to stop by the DREAM Center! We're located in the University Student Union, Building C. You can also reach us through phone at (818) 677-7069 or through email at dreamcenter@csun.edu.

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT

Consult the FAQ on the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) website. If you need help filling out your California Dream Act or if you have questions, feel free to stop by the DREAM Center! We're located in the University Student Union, Building C. You can also reach us through phone at (818) 677-7069 or through email at dreamcenter@csun.edu.

CSUN DREAMERS SCHOLARSHIP

CSUN has resources available for undocumented students as well. In 2014, CSUN opened up a scholarship fund for undocumented students on campus. The CSUN Dreamers Scholarship has four different award categories:

- \$2,500 for qualifying students enrolled in 12 or more units. Students can apply for this category for up to 4 years.
- \$1,250 for qualifying students enrolled in 6-11 more units. Students can apply for this category for up to 4 years.
- \$12,500 towards the cost of living on campus. This category is open to 10 full-time students, and students can only apply for this category once while at CSUN.
- \$8,800 for students not eligible for AB540. This category is open to 8 students.

Eligibility

- AB 540, Deferred Action (DACA) or other undocumented status
 - Be an undergraduate student
 - Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
 - Be enrolled in 6 or more units
 - The scholarship opens up every year.
- To check if the scholarship is currently available, sign up with the CSUN Scholarship database (csun.academicworks.com).

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING SERVICES

Provides a variety of free services, including individual counseling and a wide variety of group counseling options, outreach workshops for faculty, staff and student organizations on academic, mental health, interpersonal and wellness topics.

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Bayramian Hall 520
(818) 677-2366 (Choose Option 1)
www.csun.edu/counseling
For after hours, urgent care assistance call (818) 677-2366 (Choose Option 3)

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