Cal State San Marcos Walking Tour

Welcome. Visiting campus, talking to students and meeting our staff are the best ways to discover what Cal State San Marcos is all about. This map and recommended tour route will provide you with a good first look. While we’ve included descriptions of each stop on this tour, you’re always invited to step inside and get a closer look.

Questions Anyone?
If you have more questions, stop on by Cougar Central, on the third floor of Craven Hall. Our P.R.I.D.E. Student Ambassadors and/or Admissions representatives are happy to help. Open Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm.

The Inside Story
Student Ambassadors lead one-hour tours (at 10 AM and 2 PM) Monday through Friday. It’s a great way to learn more about our campus history, academic programs, and student life. To reserve a spot, email us at campustour@csusm.edu or call (760) 750-4830. Check out our virtual tour at csusm.edu/map.

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Self-Guided Walking Tour of Campus
The perfect place to begin your tour is Cougar Central, on the third floor of Craven Hall. Craven Hall is home to our main student services such as Admissions, Registration and Financial Aid. As you exit, you will find yourself in Tukwut Courtyard.

Turn left out of Tukwut Courtyard and walk past the mural, under the Rotunda, past University Hall (on the right) and across campus to Kellogg Plaza. The Library is on your left.

Kellogg Library is one of the most modern and extensive libraries in the CSU system. Here, students have access to multiple computer labs, study rooms, classrooms; more than 250,000 books and, last but not least, the campus Starbucks.

Go left when leaving the student union. You’ll soon see a statue of Cesar Chávez overlooking a staircase. Descend the stairs. To your right, is Student Health & Counseling Services.

The Student Health and Counseling Services Building is another recent addition to campus. Students access medical services, counseling, health and wellness education, and a wealth of other health services in this one convenient location.

Directly across from Science Hall II is the Social and Behavioral Sciences building. Turn back toward Chávez Plaza.

The new Sports Center is home to our athletic teams and the destination for fitness and recreation for all students. Our 25,000-square foot Center contains arena seating for 1,400 fans, an expanded sports-medicine training room and a full-scale gym.

Head right, towards Campus Drive. When you reach Campus Drive, stop. The Sports Center is across the street, adjacent to your location.

Markstein Hall houses the College of Business Administration and features classrooms, a lecture auditorium, conference rooms, executive board rooms, computer labs and a terrace that’s yet another great place to study.

Take the main walkway towards University Hall. Take the staircase up and pass through the breezeway. You’ll come to Palm Court and a staircase leading to Markstein Hall.

Head left upon exiting Markstein’s main entrance. You’ll soon intercept a broad walkway. Go right. As you pass Science Hall I (on your left), turn left and head down the stairs toward the University Store.

The University Store is an excellent place to finish your tour, browse for school supplies and a souvenir or two. You’re also a short walk from Cougar Central. If you have any questions for our admissions department, feel free to stop by the third floor of Craven Hall.

Across the street (on the corner of Campus Way and Campus View Drive) are the University Village Apartments. The QUAD is nearby, on the corner of Campus Way and Barham Road.

University Village Apartments / The QUAD

Students living on campus stay at either one of two modern apartment-style residences: The University Village Apartments or The QUAD. Both options feature fully furnished apartments with amenities such as swimming pools, gyms and study lounges.

Take the walkway (left), up towards Cesar Chávez Plaza. On your left is the Arts Building.

The Arts Building features music and recording studios, a performance hall, classrooms, art workspaces and a dance studio. Come on in—depending on the time of year, you just might be able to catch a gallery showing or rehearsal.

Exit the library’s main entrance and go left, continuing along the path closest to the library, past the large lawn. Your destination is the next large building on your left.

University Student Union

The beating heart of campus, our University Student Union features a large dining area, several eateries, a convenience store, game rooms, lounges, conference rooms and an outdoor amphitheater where you can catch concerts and nighttime movie screenings.

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Social and Behavioral Sciences

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