Welcome to
Southern California
CSUSM is located in North San Diego County – the heart of beautiful Southern California. Just a short distance from the campus you will find California’s most beautiful beaches, mountains and deserts where you can swim, surf, hike, bicycle, golf and ski.

The CSUSM campus is conveniently situated in a small, safe, suburban city 50 kilometers north of the city of San Diego and 150 kilometers south of Los Angeles. You are within easy traveling distance of the San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld, Disneyland and Hollywood.

- CSUSM is a stop on a Sprinter light rail service that connects to bus and Amtrak train routes throughout San Diego and California
- Special student discount passes are available for reliable public transport
- Other modes of transportation are available including express bus service, Zipcar vehicles for rent and ride-share services

California State University San Marcos (CSUSM)
--- EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF CSUSM!

FULLY ACCREDITED
Fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

MODERN LIBRARY
One of the most modern libraries in the entire Cal State University System

EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSORS
Faculty are nationally and internationally recognized for research in fields including bioscience, business, computer science, engineering and surf/action sports research

SAFETY
 Safest four-year university in California – National Council for Home Safety and Security

ATHLETIC CENTER
Brand-new athletic center with access for all students

RANKED TOP TIER
Ranked in the top Tier 1 institutions in the U.S. for employment outcomes relative to the total cost of higher education – Educate to Career, Inc.

EDUCATION FACILITIES
150 teaching and research labs with 100% of classrooms equipped with "smart" systems

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INDEX OPPORTUNITIES
CSUSM students serve as the talent pipeline to 200,000+ companies across key industries in the region, increasing the likelihood of internships and work authorization (OPT)

LEARN MORE ABOUT WORK OPPORTUNITIES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
College of Business Administration is AACSB accredited

ALUMNI NETWORK
More than 55,000 alumni where students can join Cougar Connect, our professional network and mentorship program with alumni from around the world
How to Apply

APPLYING IS EASY! JUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- Apply online at calstate.edu/apply/international
- Official transcripts/academic records from all secondary and post-secondary schools attended
- Affidavit of Financial Support or scholarship letter
- Official TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo or Cambridge score report
- Copy of passport

MASTER’S DEGREE APPLICANTS

In addition, graduate applicants may be required to submit the following:

- GRE or GMAT scores
- Letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose
- Résumé

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO APPLY

FALL FILING PERIOD

- October 1 through June 1
- Extended deadline to July 1 for students already studying in the U.S.

SPRING FILING PERIOD

- August 1 through November 1
- Extended deadline to November 15 for students already studying in the U.S.

Admission decisions made on a rolling basis. Apply early for any scholarships that may be available!

LEARN MORE ABOUT APPLICATION DEADLINES
Admission Requirements

BACHELOR’S DEGREE
Freshman (First-Time) Student:
⊲ Equivalent of a “C+” (2.5 GPA) in high school out of 4.0 GPA.
2.0 GPA required for conditional admission through ALCI.
⊲ Graduated from, or will graduate with a secondary diploma/graduation certificate (IB diploma accepted).
⊲ SAT or ACT not required.
⊲ Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge A & AS Levels, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) credit accepted for transfer credit.

Transfer Student:
⊲ CSUSM accepts both lower- and upper-division transfer students with a “C” grade (2.0 GPA) or higher.
⊲ Graduate programs have higher than minimum GPA requirements. Some will require GRE, GRE subject tests or GMAT, depending on the program. (GRE may be waived for select master’s programs.)

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
Can be satisfied with ONE of the following:
⊲ TOEFL score of 61 iBT with writing score no lower than 19 and no section score below 14.
⊲ IELTS score of 5.5 with writing score no lower than 5.5 and no section score below 5.0.
⊲ Cambridge B2 First (FCE), C1 Advanced (CAE), C2 Proficiency (CPE) no lower than 168 (no lower than 160 for pathway program).
⊲ Duolingo score of 95.
⊲ Depending on location, students with a minimum of three years of study at an institution where English is the principal language of instruction.
⊲ Requirement may be waived by completing an approved freshman composition course from an accredited U.S. institution with grade of “C” (2.0) or better.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION:
⊲ Conditional admission is available to bachelor’s degree and select master’s degree applicants who are academically qualified, but need a passing TOEFL or IELTS score.
⊲ Applicants may satisfy their English-language requirement by successfully completing the American Language and Culture Institute’s (ALCI) University Access Program for the TOEFL/IELTS-waiver.
⊲ Conditionally admitted students may be permitted to take university classes for credit while enrolled in ALCI.
⊲ Students who successfully complete ALCI will be admitted to CSUSM without a TOEFL/IELTS score the next available term.
⊲ Master’s Conditional Admission applicants must meet the undergraduate English proficiency level requirement at time of application.

MOUNT’S DEGREE
⊲ Equivalent of a U.S. bachelor’s degree.
⊲ Overall “C+” (2.5 GPA) out of 4.0 in the general degree or in the last 60 units attempted.
⊲ Graduate programs have higher than minimum GPA requirements. Some will require GRE, GRE subject tests or GMAT, depending on the program. (GRE may be waived for select master’s programs.)

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
Can be satisfied with ONE of the following:
⊲ TOEFL score of 80 iBT.
⊲ IELTS score of 6.0 with writing score no lower than 6.0 and no section score below 5.5.
⊲ Cambridge C1 Advanced (CAE), C2 Proficiency (CPE) no lower than 180.
⊲ Duolingo score of 110.
⊲ Bachelor’s or master’s degree from a U.S. university or country where English is the principal language of instruction.

LEARN MORE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

I chose to come here because of the incredible computer science program. When I arrived here, I felt incredibly welcome by the staff and other students. I feel that this is my new home.

-Bandar Banawas, Saudi Arabia
Full-time international student advisors and specialized one-on-one academic advisors to help you achieve on-time graduation.

Available support services include: writing center, mathematics lab, faculty and volunteer mentoring program, disability support services, peer mentoring, tutoring, study groups/program services and Career Center.

Diversity
- 350+ international and exchange students from more than 40 countries
- 100+ students with work authorization (OPT)
- 23:1 student/faculty ratio

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LEARN MORE ABOUT TUITION AND FEES

CSUSM’s Annual International Fair where students and the local community come together to celebrate CSUSM’s diverse cultures under the warm spring sun.

“\nThis is a fast-paced program that prepares you for the real world of business. I love the cohort format of the SMBA (Specialized MBA) program. We’ve grown close as a group and I appreciate all the support from my peers. I’ve made some friends for life.”

- Solveig Halldorsdottir, Iceland

Tuition and Fees
Discover how California State University is the largest, most affordable system of public higher education in the U.S. Scan the QR code below to view updated tuition/fees and payment plan options at CSUSM.
Housing

You can live on campus at The QUAD, North Commons or University Village Apartments, or if you choose to live off-campus, your options include homestay with an American host family or living in an off-campus apartment.

ON-CAMPUS BENEFITS

Apply early to guarantee housing

- Professional staff support is available for live-in students 24 hours a day
- Pools and recreational facilities
- Fully furnished, laundry facilities, free internet, full kitchen with dishwasher
- Friendly and engaged police force
- Walking distance to eateries, grocery stores, pharmacy and campus
- Plenty of public transportation
- CSUSM is an inclusive community, promoting positive interactions in a diverse environment
- Fun events and programs throughout the year
- Optional themed Living Learning Communities available to share classroom experiences with students you’re living with

Campus Life

- Several dining spots on campus including a brand-new dining hall with meal plans available
- Starbucks and other cafes on campus
- Complimentary fitness center including indoor/outdoor basketball and volleyball courts, running track, soccer field and a wide variety of rental sports equipment
- Home to NCAA Division II teams in soccer, basketball, volleyball, baseball/softball, track and field/cross country and golf
- More than 100 student organizations, including Global Connections, a club that provides a place to make friends and develop networking and leadership skills

ALCI instructors treated me like family and always took care of me. I explored my potential and learned a lot about culture. The attachment with ALCI will stay forever and always be appreciated. - Dilpreet Kaur, India

LEARN MORE ABOUT HOUSING

LEARN MORE ABOUT CAMPUS LIFE
BACHELOR’S AND MASTER’S CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

University Access Program

This program offers qualified students a dedicated individual advisor as well as the opportunity to earn credits toward their bachelor’s or select master’s degree and receive guaranteed admission upon successful completion of the program. Whether needing to improve on your academic history or transition your English skills, the program makes your success our goal.

Intensive English Pathway

The premier Intensive English Program that accepts students of all levels of English ability and offers qualified students a pathway option to take English-language courses along with university courses.

STUDY @ CSUSM

For visiting/free-mover International students who want to enroll in university classes for credit for one or two semesters. For those studying for two semesters, work authorization (OPT) can be granted.

American Language & Culture Institute (ALCI)

Short-Term and Professional Programs

Designed to meet the needs of groups of students or professionals who wish to take advantage of our full-service packages (from airport transportation to accommodations to seminars/workshops by leading experts) and experience all that the North County San Diego region has to offer. Please contact us to see if we can create something for you.

Teacher Training and Educational Administrator Programs

The TEFL Teacher Training Certificate and Educational Administrator Programs combine communicative language training and educational administration training with school visits, cultural activities, professional seminars and sightseeing. These programs accept individuals and groups of English-language teachers and international educators.

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VIEW ALCI PROGRAM DETAILS AND COSTS

Bachelor’s & Master’s Degrees

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES, B.A.
- Medical Anthropology
- Indigenous Anthropology

APPLIED PHYSICS, B.S.
- Applied Physics
- Applied Electronics

ART, MEDIA & DESIGN, B.A.
- Art & Visual Culture
- Digital & Media Arts

BIOCHEMISTRY, B.S.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, B.S./M.S.
- Pre-Medical/Dental
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Ecology
- Physiology
- General Biology

BIOTECHNOLOGY, B.S./M.B.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, B.S.
- Accounting
- Data Analytics
- Finance
- Global Business Management
- Global Supply Chain Management
- Management Information Systems
- Management
- Marketing

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Bachelor’s & Master’s Degrees

M.B.A. (AACSB ACCREDITED)
- General Management (18 months)
- Specialized Accelerated (12 or 15 months), options in:
  - Business Analytics
  - International Business
  - Supply Chain Management

CHEMISTRY, B.S./M.S.
- Chemistry
- Science Education

CHILD/ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT, B.A.

COMMUNICATION, B.A.

COMPUTER SCIENCE, B.S./M.S.
- Computer Science
- Computer Information Systems

CRIMINOLOGY & JUSTICE STUDIES, B.A.

VIRTUAL SECURITY, ONLINE, M.S.

ECONOMICS, B.A.

ENGINEERING, B.S.
- Software
- Electrical

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, B.A.

ETHNIC STUDIES, B.A.

GEOGRAPHY, B.A.

GLOBAL STUDIES, B.A.
- History, B.A./M.A.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, B.A.
- Counseling Services
- General
- Health Services

KINESIOLOGY, B.S./M.S.
- Health Science
- Movement Science

LIBERAL STUDIES, B.A.
- Border Studies
- Elementary Subject Matter Prep
- Integrated Credential Program

LINGUISTICS, B.A.

LITERATURE AND WRITING STUDIES, B.A./M.A.

MATHEMATICS, B.S./M.S.

MEDIA STUDIES, B.A.

MUSIC, B.A.

NURSING
- 2nd Bachelor Accelerated BSN Only

POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A.
- General Concentration
- Global Concentration

PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE, B.A./M.A.

PUBLIC HEALTH, M.P.H.

SOCIAL SCIENCES, B.A.

SOCIAL WORK, M.S.W.

SOCIOLOGICAL PRACTICE, M.A.

SOCIOLOGY, B.A.

SPANISH, B.A./M.A.

SPECIAL MAJOR, B.A.

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, B.S.

THEATRE, B.A.

WOMEN’S GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES, B.A.
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