
Subject: Graduate Studies Newsletter - Spring 2025

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Hello Graduate Students....



As we step into a new semester, I want to extend my warmest welcome to each of you. Spring is a time of growth, opportunity, and discovery, and I encourage you to make the most of the resources and experiences available.

Take full advantage of your time here by connecting with your faculty mentors, collaborating with peers, and exploring new academic and professional horizons. Your success is our priority, and we're excited to support you every step of the way.

Best wishes for a productive and inspiring semester!

Go Cougars!

Charles De Leone, Ph.D.
Dean, Graduate Studies and Research



Important Spring 2025 Dates

February 16

Last day to drop class(es) with no academic record for courses in the full session of the term (i.e. students must submit withdrawal petition in order to officially withdraw from courses after 11:59pm PST on Feb 16)

After February 17

Withdrawal from course(s) require approval and may be granted by petition for serious and compelling reasons only

March 15

Deadline to Apply to Graduate through MyCSUSM if you will be completing your program/degree requirements this Spring or Summer 2025

March 31- April 5

Spring Break

March 31

Campus Closed - Cesar Chavez Day (observed)

May 16 - 17

Commencement

May 30

Spring 2025 official grades available on MyCSUSM.

For additional deadlines, review the [Spring 2025 Calendar](#)

Note: Academic Programs operated through [Extended Learning](#) have refund policies that do not necessarily coincide with the University Add/Drop period. In addition, courses that are less than 16 weeks will have a different refund policy. Please refer to

that terms Enrollment Calendar and Extended Learning for specific details.



Calling All Spring and Summer 2025 Graduates!

If you anticipate completing all of your degree requirements by the end of this Spring term or Summer 2025 term, you must [apply to graduate](#) by March 15th. All students must apply to graduate to have their files reviewed for degree conferral.

Mark your calendars for **Spring Commencement** that will take place on May 16-17, 2025. Be sure to [apply to graduate](#) in order to receive information about Commencement.

GradFest is your one-stop shop to help prepare for your commencement ceremony! GradFest will be held on Wednesday, March 26th and Thursday, March 27th, 2025 from 10am to 6pm in the USU Ballroom (2nd floor).



Registration is now open for the 2025 Grad Slam!

The **Grad Slam** is CSUSM's campus-wide research communication competition where both undergraduate and graduate students give a 3-minute oral presentation to showcase their impactful and innovative research, scholarship, or creative activity.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the Best Undergraduate Presentation, Best Graduate STEM Presentation, and Best Graduate Non-STEM Presentation.

Register by March 7th to participate.



Interested in Earning a Ph.D.?

The **California Pre-Doctoral Program** and the **Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP)**, sponsored by the CSU Chancellor's Office, provide mentorship, financial support, professional development, and other resources to empower aspiring

doctoral students on their academic journey.

Both programs are currently accepting applications for the 2025-2026 cycle.



The **Graduate Representatives Council (GRC)** serves as a unified voice for graduate students, working closely with the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research to address student concerns and issues. The GRC also organizes events that foster community, support professional development, and celebrate academic success within the graduate student community.

Join the GRC for their next general meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2025 from 12-1pm. **RSVP** to receive the Zoom Link.



Boost Your Professional Edge: Graduate Student Career Development!

Are you ready to take your career to the next level? Join us at the [Graduate Student Career Development](#) event hosted by the CSUSM [Career Center](#) and the [Graduate Representatives Council \(GRC\)](#).

Whether you're currently in a graduate program or transitioning to industry, this event is designed to help you stand out in today's competitive job market. Don't miss this chance to sharpen your skills and gain confidence in your career journey!

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 from 12-1pm. [RSVP](#) to receive the Zoom Link.



Additional Resources for Graduate Students

- [Graduate Studies Handbook](#)
- [Graduate Representatives Council Teams Channel](#)
- [University Catalog](#)
- [Academic Requirements Report \(ARR\)](#)
- [Graduate Student Policies and Forms](#)
- [Thesis, Project, Comprehensive Exams Information](#)
- [Financial Aid and Scholarships](#)
- [Student Life Centers for Identity, Inclusion and Empowerment](#)
- [Student Health & Counseling Services](#)
- [Cougar Care Network](#)



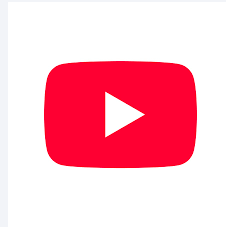
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