



CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO

Perched on the hillside overlooking Cal Poly San Luis Obispo is its iconic, letter "P," a member of the National Register of Historic Places. Like its sister school Cal Poly Pomona, it champions a hands-on approach with active learning methods and plenty of lab work and fieldwork. Students take courses in their major during their first year, an opportunity to decide early if their chosen field suits them.

Six colleges—the College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences; College of Architecture & Environmental Design; Orfalea College of Business; College of Engineering; College of Liberal Arts; and College of Science & Mathematics—offer a menu of bachelor's and master's degrees. The College of Engineering was ranked the No. 1 public undergraduate engineering school (whose highest degree is a bachelor's or master's) in *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges 2009"; the architecture school was voted No. 4 in the nation by the journal *DesignIntelligence* in 2008.

Residence halls are organized into different campus living communities. A new complex, Poly Canyon Village, is one of the largest single housing projects on any campus in America. NFL Hall of Famer John Madden, National Baseball Hall of Famer "Ozzie" Smith, and Grammy-winning rock parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic have all called Cal Poly home at one time.

[Cal Poly recruiting program and job fair events bring 300 to 600 companies to the campus each year.] [The Mustangs play at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I level; women's volleyball is one of the top teams. Cal Poly is one of four California State universities that participate in the Big West Conference.] [Special facilities include the Center for Coastal Marine Sciences, an arboretum, a printing press museum, a dairy products technical center, and a farm.] [The campus is close to California's central coast beaches.]

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Mascot: Mustangs
Undergraduate enrollment: 18,302



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS

In the less than two decades since its founding, Cal State San Marcos, the 20th campus in the CSU system, has made a name for itself. The university's programs in the visual and performing arts are known for their multidisciplinary approach; the teacher education programs are praised for their involvement in schools and in the community.

The College of Business Administration is acclaimed for its Senior Experience program, in which students act as consultants on real-world projects for local businesses and organizations. All degree programs are part of the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Business Administration, the College of Education, or the School of Nursing.

Beyond academics, CSUSM students participate in more than 100 campus organizations, including the American Indian Science Engineering Society, the Pre-Health Society, and the College Democrats, and can take fitness classes in Pilates, karate, yoga, hip-hop, or African dance. The Big Cat Corner is the one-stop shop for food on campus, with options from sushi to sandwiches to noodles. Off campus, local coffeehouses provide cozy places to study, such as the Old California Coffee House & Juice Bar on San Marcos' restaurant row, where laptop-toting students enjoy free Wi-Fi, outside fire pits, and vegetarian food options.

[The Faculty Mentoring Program enables first-generation or financially disadvantaged juniors and seniors to team up with a faculty member within their academic department for academic advice and planning career goals.] [The library houses the Barahona Center for the Study of Books in Spanish for Children and Adolescents, the only collection of its kind in the world.] [The study-abroad program includes 19 countries, such as Spain, Australia, South Africa, Denmark, France, Sweden, and South Korea.] [Majors range from arts and technology to applied physics, philosophy, women's studies, and criminology and justice studies.]



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