

The California State University

The individual California State Colleges were brought together as a system by the Donahoe Higher Education Act of 1960. In 1972, the system became the California State University and Colleges, and in 1982 the system became the California State University. Today, the campuses of the CSU include comprehensive and polytechnic universities and, since July 1995, the California Maritime Academy, a specialized campus.

The oldest campus – San José State University – was founded in 1857 and became the first institution of public higher education in California. The newest – CSU Channel Islands – opened in fall 2002, with freshmen arriving in fall 2003.

Responsibility for the California State University is vested in the Board of Trustees, whose members are appointed by the Governor. The Trustees appoint the Chancellor, who is the chief executive officer of the system, and the Presidents, who are the chief executive officers of the respective campuses.

The Trustees, the Chancellor, and the Presidents develop systemwide policy, with implementation at the campus level taking place through broadly based consultative procedures. The Academic Senate of the California State University, made up of elected representatives of the faculty from each campus, recommends academic policy to the Board of Trustees through the Chancellor.

Academic excellence has been achieved by the California State University through a distinguished faculty whose primary responsibility is superior teaching. While each campus in the system has its own unique geographic and curricular character, all campuses, as multipurpose institutions, offer undergraduate and graduate instruction for professional and occupational goals as well as broad liberal education. All campuses require for graduation a basic program of "General Education Requirements" regardless of the type of bachelor's degree or major field selected by the student.

The CSU offers high-quality, affordable bachelor's and master's level degree programs. Many of these programs are offered so that students can complete all upper division and graduate requirements by part-time, late afternoon, and evening study. In addition, a variety of teaching and school service credential programs are available. A limited number of doctoral degrees are offered jointly with the University of California and with private institutions in California. In 2005, the CSU was authorized to independently offer educational doctorate (Ed.D.) programs.

Enrollment in fall 2009 totaled 433,000 students, who were taught by more than 21,000 faculty. The system awards about half of the bachelor's degrees and a third of the master's degrees granted in California. More than 2.5 million students have graduated from CSU campuses since 1961.

A recent economic report found that the CSU supports more than 150,000 jobs statewide, annually. The engine driving job creation is more than \$17 billion in economic activity that directly results from CSU-related spending that generates \$5.43 for every dollar the state invests. For more information, please see www.calstate.edu/impact.

Average Support Cost Per Full-time Equivalent Student and Sources of Funds

The total support cost per full-time equivalent student (FTES) includes the expenditures for current operations, including payments made to students in the form of financial aid, and all fully reimbursed programs contained in state appropriations. The average support cost is determined by dividing the total cost by the number of full-time equivalent students. The total CSU 2010-11 budget amounts were \$2,617,435,000 from state General Fund appropriations (not including capital outlay funding), \$1,244,603,000 from net basic tuition fee revenue, and \$320,211,000 from other fee revenues and reimbursements for a total of \$4,182,249,000. The number of projected 2010-11 full-time equivalent students (FTES) is 339,873 resident and 14,509 non-resident students. The number of full-time equivalent students is determined by dividing the total academic student load by 15 units per term (the figure used here to define a full-time student's academic load).

The 2010-11 average support cost per full-time equivalent student based on General Fund appropriation and net basic tuition fee revenue only is \$11,213 and when including all sources as indicated below is \$12,117. Of this amount, the average net basic tuition fee revenue and other income and reimbursements per FTES is \$4,416, which includes all fee revenue in the CSU Operating Fund (e.g. tuition fees, application fees, other miscellaneous fees, and reimbursements).

The average CSU 2010-11 academic year, resident, undergraduate student basic tuition fee and other mandatory fees required to apply to, enroll in, or attend the university is \$5,285. However, the costs paid by individual students will vary depending on campus, program, and whether a student is part-time, full-time, resident, or nonresident.

2010-11	Amount	Average Cost Per FTE	
		Student	Percentage
Total Support Cost	\$4,182,249,000	\$12,117	100%
–State Appropriation ¹	2,617,435,000	7,701	64%
–Net Basic Tuition Fee Revenue ²	1,244,603,000	3,512	29%
–Other Income and Reimbursements ^{2,3}	320,211,000	904	7%

¹ State Appropriation includes a decrease of \$106 million reflecting a shift of costs on a one-time basis to the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act State Fiscal Stabilization Fund.

² Net Basic Tuition fee revenue and other income represents campus 2010-11 budgets submitted November 2010.

³ Other income and reimbursements represent campus "other fee" 2010-11 final budget revenues submitted, as well as reimbursements in the CSU Operating Fund.

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