Please consider this guide your passport to the Chico Experience. We hope you enjoy your visit.
This self-guided walking tour will introduce you to CSU, Chico. Founded in 1887, Chico is the second oldest CSU campus. Pioneers John and Annie Bidwell donated their eight-acre cherry orchard to begin the State Normal School for teachers, and the corner boundaries of their cherry orchard are marked today by the planting of cherry trees, each with a plaque that commemorates this gift. The campus has grown over the years and is now known as California State University, Chico.

**STUDENT SERVICES CENTER**

Opened in summer 2008, the SSC is an asset to the University. Serving as a “one-stop shop,” it provides nearly all student services in one building, including Admissions, Financial Aid, Records and Registration, Academic Advising, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. This was the first “green building” to be built at CSU, Chico. As we work toward being a more sustainable campus, we are very proud to be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified.

**BELL MEMORIAL UNION (BMU)**

Known as the BMU, our student union is one of few on the West Coast that is owned and operated by the students and their student government. The Associated Students (AS) auxiliary helps enrich the experience of our students through programs and events. The AS allows opportunities for students to grow, and provides facilities for club meetings, guest speakers, and musical performances. It is also home to the Marketplace Café, Chico State Wildcat Store, Adventure Outings, and the Wildcat Leadership Center. Built in late 2001, the BMU is up to date with the latest in technology, efficiency, and sustainability.

**ROSE GARDEN**

George Petersen donated this rose garden as a gift to the University. His father was the horticulturist for the Bidwells (the founders of Chico). With more than 350 rosebushes and more than 50 types of roses, the garden is a great focal point in the center of campus.

**PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

The Performing Arts Center, commonly known to students as “PAC,” holds many lecture halls and various types of theatres, as well as several concert and rehearsal halls. All majors within the theatre department, as well as music majors, are located in this building. Although the average classroom size on campus is 30 students, if you do have a larger lecture component to one of your classes, it will most likely be held here. It’s also a great place to see shows, cultural events, concerts, and academic discussions and forums.

**TRINITY HALL**

Trinity Hall is one of the three oldest buildings on campus. In Trinity you will find the History department and the School of Nursing. The bell tower’s carillon sound can be heard up to one mile away. One of the more striking buildings on campus, Trinity Hall has the traditional collegiate feel that is part of the Chico experience. The bell tower, brick buildings, and beautiful campus provide a great atmosphere for our students and faculty.
Founded: 1887
President: Gayle E. Hutchinson
Campus Acreage: 119
University Farm: 800 acres
School Mascot: Wildcat
School Colors: Cardinal & White
Total Number of Students: 17,220 (Fall 2015)
Student/Faculty Ratio: 23 to 1
Average Class Size: 30
Gender: Female 53%, Male 47%
Undergraduate Tuition and Fees:
- $7,044 Full-Time Per-Year CA residents (2016–17)
120+Undergraduate Majors & Options
Popular Majors:
- Business Administration
- Psychology
- Pre-Nursing
- Criminal Justice
- Liberal Studies (Elementary Education)
- Biology
- Kinesiology
- Exercise Physiology
- Mechanical Engineering
- Construction Management
Admission is impacted to freshman and transfer students

Online application at www.csumentor.edu

Initial Filing Period
- Fall semester = October–November
- Spring semester = August

For students starting in the fall semester
- Apply for admission (October–November)
- Submit FAFSA (October–June)
- CSU, Chico scholarships (Jan. 2–Feb. 15)
- Visit University Housing website for application info
- Submit your intent to enroll (by May 1)
- Attend Summer Orientation (June–July)
- Classes begin (late August)

Be sure to review all admission requirements for first-time freshmen, lower division, and upper division transfer students at the Office of Admissions website, www.csuchico.edu/admissions. Here you can also find student blogs and videos highlighting each college, and you can set up your fastPASS page.
PHYSICAL SCIENCE

The Physical Science Building is one of two in the College of Natural Sciences. It houses the departments of physics, geological and environmental sciences, and chemistry. The classrooms are small and most of them are designed for laboratory-based courses. The building also houses many research laboratories such as the Atmospheric Sciences Lab, where students and faculty study the physics, chemistry, and environmental science of the air around us. Many of our undergraduate and graduate students have published research papers along with their faculty mentors. This gives them a distinct advantage when it comes to either graduate studies or seeking employment.

BIG CHICO CREEK

Our university is one of the few in the nation with a creek flowing through the center of campus. With nine footbridges and trails alongside this flowing creek, it’s a nice place for students to study or relax between classes with friends. The creek flows into the Sacramento River, which is another place students enjoy visiting in the warm summer months.

HOLT HALL

Holt Hall houses programs within the College of Natural Sciences, specifically biology, mathematics, nutrition and food sciences, and science education. This building includes a mix of lecture halls, teaching, and research laboratories. The departments here also strongly emphasize research, with various faculty and community service opportunities for their students. The building was designed to be similar to a figure eight. Due to its design the room numbers are often not right next to each other, so it is a good idea to locate your classrooms before the first day of school.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

University Housing is the office that provides students with on-campus housing in eight residence halls. The four halls on the main campus are Whitney, Sutter, Shasta, and Lassen. Sutter Hall also houses the dining facility. The three halls located on North Campus are Esken, Mechoopda, and Konkow, and the one off-campus complex is University Village. You can take a 360-degree virtual tour of each room on the housing website at www.csuchico.edu/housing.

BIDWELL MANSION

The Mansion was built by John and Annie Bidwell in 1868. Once owned by the University, this beautiful mansion served as various facilities for students, including a women’s residence hall. In 1964, the California State Park system gained possession. The mansion is now a state historical monument, offering tours to the public Saturday through Monday. Next to the mansion is Modoc Hall, home to the psychology and child development departments. Psychology is one of the most popular majors on campus.

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

The health center provides limited outpatient health services for acute, sub-acute illness, minor injuries and transitional care for chronic issues during weekdays. Services include basic medical care, limited mental health care, preventative care, health education, contraception, STI treatment, travel medicine and immunizations with the support of an onsite lab, pharmacy and x-ray services.
Agriculture can’t be learned solely from a textbook. That’s why our 800-acre Paul L. Byrne Agricultural Teaching and Research Center, more commonly known as the University Farm, is so important to our educational program. It’s the place where our students literally get their hands dirty putting into practice the concepts they learn in the classroom.

It is located about 5 miles from campus at 311 Nicholas C. Schouten Lane.
The Acker Gym facilities host our NCAA Division II sports program, one of the top programs in the nation. The basketball and volleyball teams play games in Acker Gym, and there are also track and field facilities behind this building. Games are free for students and are fun activities in the evenings and on weekends. Many students take fun PE courses in Acker Gym and neighboring Shurmer Gym.

Tehama Hall was built in 1992. It houses the College of Communication and Education, the School of Education, and the College of Business. With smart classrooms and computer labs, this state-of-the-art building offers challenging academic programs. The Speech and Debate Team calls this building home, and those students compete regionally and nationally in 13-25 tournaments every year; they are often top finalists.

At seven stories tall, Butte holds up to 3,000 students and has 110 faculty offices. The top floor provides amazing views of the surrounding area, and also makes a great place for the physics students to perform their annual pumpkin drop in the fall for local elementary students. Majors represented in this building are in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, like health and community service, child development, and multicultural and gender studies.

Plumas Hall houses the agriculture program, which works with our University Farm, located about five miles from campus. Our farm was the first university farm to add an organic dairy in the Western region, and we use resources from the farm throughout campus and the community. The basement of Plumas is home to our award-winning student newspaper, The Orion. Plumas also holds the Human Identification Laboratory, which provides forensic anthropology services to state and federal law enforcement, medical examiners, and attorneys. The laboratory provides hands-on opportunities and training in human skeletal biology for students.

Active Learning
- projects, internships, research
Civic Engagement
- service learning, community service
Sustainability
- eco-friendly initiatives, environmental responsibility
Diversity
- access, success, inclusive community
Exploration
- Chico is consistently ranked in the top four in the nation for sending students abroad for a full academic year.
YOLO HALL
Yolo Hall, one of the newest academic buildings on campus, is home to our kinesiology and exercise physiology departments, two of our largest majors on campus. Besides classrooms, it also houses 12 research labs, three larger lecture halls, and a state-of-the-art SlimEx hydrotherapy pool.

GLENN HALL
Glenn Hall houses one of the most popular majors on campus, business administration. From marketing to human resources, programs such as SAP training and business-specific conference rooms and computer labs, Glenn provides many opportunities for students looking for a boost into the business world. Outside of Glenn Hall you can usually see student organizations at tables passing out information and raising awareness for various causes.

O’CONNELL TECHNOLOGY CENTER & LANGDON ENGINEERING CENTER
Across Warner Street are the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management (ECC) buildings. Chico State’s College of ECC was ranked in 2016 the number three best value engineering school on factors including number of accredited programs, early career salaries, and net price of the degree. Students in these buildings pave the way in engineering and emerging technology – from designing and programming computer animations and video games, mobile applications, and space rovers, to constructing bridges and water systems using sustainable processes. Student work is exhibited on the first, second, and fourth floor of O’Connell. Both buildings house several state-of-the-art engineering and computer labs.

MERIAM LIBRARY
Whether you prefer to study alone, work collaboratively in groups, or use a computer in the lab, Meriam Library offers a variety of learning and study spaces to meet your needs. Need help with your research? Every department has their own librarian you can contact for research consultation, or you can use the reference services at the main reference desk on the 2nd floor. Working from home? Try our Ask a Librarian online service or use one of our Research and Subject Guides for help. In addition to being a great place to study and get help, the Meriam Library is home to over a million volumes and provides online access to thousands of journals and e-books.

WILDCAT RECREATION CENTER
The WREC is home to the recreational sports department. In addition to this program, the 130,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility includes an indoor elevated running track, weight and fitness area, three full-court gymnasiums, indoor climbing wall, outdoor pool/spa area, and much more. There is no additional membership charge to CSU, Chico students; it is included in students’ tuition and fees.

Thank you for visiting California State University, Chico. We hope you have a pleasant time in Chico, and we look forward to seeing you on campus again soon!

—Office of Admissions
The “Chico Experience” includes much more than just campus—it comes with an entire community! While you’re here be sure to grab a bite to eat at one of the many delicious downtown restaurants just steps away from campus, or swing over to Bidwell Park, our 3,618-acre municipal park, for some hiking and swimming.

Chico has the amenities of a big city with a small town feel. Every Thursday night from April through September and each Saturday morning year-round the community hosts a farmers market featuring local food and live entertainment.

As a Chico student you can’t help but interact with the community both in and out of the classroom. Since most Chico State students live within a mile or two of campus and downtown, the area surrounding campus invariably becomes part of their “Chico Experience.”
5th Street Streak House 345 W. 5th St.
Aca Taco 133 Broadway
B Street Public House 111 Broadway
Beach Hut Deli 146 W. 2nd St.
Bella’s Sports Pub 134 Broadway
Broadway Heights 300 Broadway
Brooklyn Bridge Bagel Works 117 A W. 2nd St.
Burgers & Brew 201 Broadway
Celestino’s Pizza 101 Salem St.
Chada Thai Cuisine 117 B W. 2nd St.
Christian Michaels 192 E. 3rd St.
Crush 201 Broadway
House of Bamboo 163 E. 2nd St.
Jack’s Family Restaurant 540 Main St.
Jamba Juice 201 Broadway
Kinder’s Meat & Deli 222 1/2 Normal
Kona’s Sandwiches 138 Main St.
Leon Bistro 817 Main St.
Madison Bear Garden 316 W. 2nd St.
Mom’s Restaurant 209 Salem St.
Panama Bar Cafe 177 E. 2nd St.
Peking Chinese Restaurant 243 W. 2nd St.
The Pita Pit 240 Broadway
Pluto’s 201 Main St.
The Raw Bar (Sushi) 346 Broadway
Smokin’ Mo’s BBQ 131 Broadway
Thai Basil 121 Broadway
Tres Hombres 100 Broadway
Two Twenty 220 W. 4th St.
Upper Crust Bakery 130 Main St.
Woodstock’s Pizza 166 E. 2nd St.
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