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How To Use This Catalog

We hope that you will find *The 2003-2005 University Catalog* to be the “last word” — a comprehensive, up-to-date source of information on our university. It is divided into nine major sections:

The Introductory Material provides the Table of Contents, Accreditation Information, a notice about Changes in Rules and Policies, the Academic Calendars, and a Welcome from the President.

University Governance and Administration, Distinguished Faculty, and Curriculum begins with a description of the California State University system of public higher education of which our university is a part, and then outlines the university’s administrative organization. Our distinguished faculty are highlighted here as well. The University Curriculum section discusses the philosophical goals of the university’s academic mission and the organization of the university into colleges, schools, departments, and programs. The section concludes with a description of each college.

Activities, Programs, and Services describes the non-classroom support programs and services provided by the university. See especially the “Guide to Student Services,” a chart prepared to assist you to get the help or services you want while at CSU, Chico.

The Community describes how to get to and around Chico, with local maps of help to you, community relations and policies, community service and service learning opportunities, and campus safety. See especially the “Guide to Community Services,” a chart which lists a variety of community features and services of importance to you.

Admissions, Orientation, Fees, and Financial Assistance provides necessary basic information on undergraduate and graduate admissions, orientation, academic advising, fees and expenses, financial aid, scholarships, and student employment.

Degree Offerings, Requirements, and Academic Regulations provides an overview of academic program offerings, and describes the university’s requirements for the bachelor’s degree, General Education, and graduate programs, as well as the policies and regulations regarding course credit, course selection, and grading.

The Academic Program fully describes, in alphabetical order, all academic programs and course offerings of the university. Use this section to locate any specific academic major, option, pattern, minor, credential, or certificate program which interests you and a description of the courses required. It is here that complete details regarding program course requirements, the faculty, and course descriptions are found. College deans, department chairs, program directors, advisers, or any faculty member listed within the various program descriptions will be pleased to answer any further questions you may have.

The Concluding Material includes California State University System information and policies, important notices, a comprehensive Faculty Index, and a Subject Index.

We want *The University Catalog* to be as helpful as possible to those who use it. Please let us know of any difficulties you encounter by sending your suggestions for improvement to the Office of Academic Publications, Facilities, and Database Services, PLMS 111, or Academic Advising Services, MLIB 190.

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