Welcome to CSU, Chico.

Thank you for taking the time to visit our campus. Please consider this guide as your passport to the Chico Experience. We hope you enjoy your visit.

CSU, Chico
Office of Admissions
Student Services Center
Welcome

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.

1 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.

2 Bell Memorial Union

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 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, Bookstore, 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.

3 Trinity Hall

Trinity Hall is one of the three oldest buildings on campus. In Trinity you will find one of our nine on-campus art galleries; the history, religious studies, and foreign language departments; and bell tower with carillon that can be heard from 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.

4 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.

5 Performing Arts Center

The Performing Arts Center, commonly known to students as “PAC,” holds many lecture halls and various types of theaters, 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 31 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. Next to the PAC is construction for our new arts and humanities building, slated to be complete in summer 2016.
6 Kendall Hall
Kendall Hall sits on the site of the original Chico Normal School. Built in 1889, the original building housed various academic departments. A chemistry experiment gone awry caused a massive fire that destroyed the building. Once rebuilt, Kendall Hall became the main administration building for the University. Above the main entrance is the Chico State motto, “Today Decides Tomorrow,” which reflects the philosophy that student choices have a profound effect on the future. The red squares in the pavement cover time capsules for each graduating class, each to be opened on its 50th anniversary.

7 Laxson Auditorium
Laxson Auditorium is a place where authors, politicians, world leaders, and distinguished artists take the stage. You can also catch a show put on by our theatre department or other local performance groups. Since its renovation, this building holds more than 1,200 guests and has the latest in audio and technical equipment. With discounted prices for students, Laxson Auditorium offers great experiences throughout your Chico college career.

8 Ayres Hall
Ayres Hall houses our art department as well as the art sculpture lab. Classes range from welding to pottery, and our campus is one of only two CSUs that have a glass-blowing facility. Larger lecture halls can also be found in this building. The statue garden in front of the west entrance was created by Chico students and titled “Green Space” by a visiting professor.

9 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.

CHICO FACTS
Founded: 1887
Celebrated 125th anniversary in 2012
President: Paul J. Zingg
Campus Acreage: 119
University Farm: 800 acres
School Mascot: Wildcat
School Colors: Cardinal & White
Total Number of Students: 15,373 (Fall 2013)
Student/Faculty Ratio: 23.6 to 1
Average Class Size: 30
Gender: Female 53%, Male 47%
Undergraduate Tuition and Fees:
- $7,002 Full-Time Per-Year CA residents (2014–15)
80+ Undergraduate Majors & Options
Popular Majors:
- Business Administration
- Psychology
- Liberal Studies (Elementary Education)
- Criminal Justice
- Pre-Nursing
- Exercise Physiology
- Kinesiology
- Recreation Administration
- Communication Studies
- Mechanical Engineering
**10 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.

**11 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 Monday through Saturday. 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.

**12 Holt Hall**

Holt Hall houses programs from within the College of Natural Sciences, specifically biology, mathematics, nutrition and food sciences, nursing, 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. As you might hope, the inside rooms have even numbers and the outside rooms use odd numbers. The problem is you can’t be sure that room 107 is across from room 108. Why? Do the math, there are fewer rooms on the inside of the rings than the outside. It is a good idea to locate your classrooms before the first day of school, and always go out the door you came in!

**13 University Housing and Food Service**

University Housing and Food Service is the office that provides students with on-campus housing and dining. Among the eight residence halls, the four halls on the main campus are Whitney, Sutter, Shasta, and Lassen. Sutter, opened in 2010, houses the dining facility. The three halls located on North Campus are Esken, Mechopda, 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.

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**ADMISSIONS TIMELINE**

- 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)
  - CSU, Chico scholarships (Oct. 1–Dec. 15)
  - Submit FAFSA (January–March)
  - Apply for housing (April)
  - 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.
14 Student Health and Acker Gym

The Student Health Center, our on-campus medical facility, provides everything from discounted prescriptions to shots and tests. Seeing a licensed doctor, nurse, or other health care professional is free and convenient for students; fees are included in tuition. Acker Gym facilities host our Division II sports program, one of the top programs in the nation. Games are free for students and are fun activities in the evenings and on the weekends.

15 Tehama Hall

Tehama Hall houses School of Communication programs and is one of our newer buildings. With smart classrooms and computer labs, this state-of-the-art building offers challenging academic programs. It also houses the College of Business office.

16 Butte Hall

Butte Hall houses departments such as political science, international relations, and criminal justice. At seven stories tall, Butte holds up to 3,000 students and has 110 faculty offices. The top floor offers an amazing view of the surrounding Chico area.

17 Plumas Hall

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. CSU, Chico is among few programs in North America with three forensic anthropologists among the faculty.

18 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.
Student-centered, high-quality learning environment
- small class sizes, lots of majors to explore from

Some of the highest retention and graduation rates in the CSU
- average student takes more than 13 units each semester

Friendly and comfortable Chico community
- true “college town” residential campus

What others are saying…
- Ranked in the top ten master’s level public university in the West.
- Only CSU to receive a perfect score in the Princeton Review’s Honor Roll
- Ranked nationally to the Princeton Review’s 2014 Green Honor Roll

19 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. Also, various student organizations set out tables in front of Glenn Hall to pass out information or raise awareness for a cause.

20 O’Connell Technology Center and Langdon Engineering Center
Across Warner Street are O’Connell Technology Center and Langdon Engineering Center, which house the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management. They are paving the way in engineering and emerging technology—from designing and programming computer animation and videogams, mobile applications, and space rovers to constructing bridges, buildings, and water systems using sustainable manufacturing processes. Student work is exhibited on the first, second, and fourth floors of O’Connell.

21 Meriam Library
Whether you prefer to study alone, work collaboratively in a group, 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 ebooks.

22 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.
While you’re in Chico…

Don’t forget to stop by the Chico State Wildcat Store to pick up a memento of your visit, and be sure to take some time to explore the city of Chico. Grab a bite to eat, do a little shopping in our historic downtown, or swing over to Bidwell Park. The “Chico Experience” includes much more than just campus—it comes with an entire community. Please take some time to explore.

Downtown Restaurants:

**Casual Dining**
- Aca Taco
- Bella’s Sports Pub
- Beach Hut Deli
- Burgers & Brew
- Celestino’s Pizza
- Chronic Tacos
- The Graduate
- Jack’s Restaurant
- Jamba Juice
- Kinder’s Meat & Deli
- Kona’s
- Madison Bear Garden
- Smokin’ Mo’s BBQ
- The Pita Pit
- Pluto’s
- Woodstock’s Pizza

**Fine Dining**
- Broadway Heights
- Chada Thai Cuisine
- Christian Michaels
- House of Bamboo
- Johnnie’s Restaurant & Lounge
- Leon Contemporary CA Bistro
- Peeking Chinese
- Petra Mediterranean Cuisine
- The Raw Bar (Sushi)
- Thai Basil
- Tres Hombres
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