

I. Introduction to California State University Campus



Today Decides Tomorrow

Welcome to California State University, Chico

With a population of nearly 110,000, Chico is located in the Sacramento Valley near the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas. It is 180 miles northeast of San Francisco and 90 miles north of Sacramento and offers a reasonable cost of living compared to metropolitan areas.

Chico retains the charm of a small town while offering excellent medical services, public and private schools, and many cultural and recreational activities. The city's Bidwell Park, second largest municipal park west of the Mississippi, extends from the city center along a creek deep into the foothills and surrounding canyons.

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Do's and Don'ts

Do's

Allow extra time on campus to complete administrative tasks during busy seasons

Document any unusual or threatening incidents.

Set up an e-mail account for student contract and make sure you have updated antivirus software to protect your computer.

Establish a classroom atmosphere that encourages and supports inquiry, discussion and intellectual growth.

Allow for extra time to commute to campus and find parking.

Check out a schedule of classes for valuable information such as semester calendar, final exam schedule; add/drop policies, and useful phone numbers.

Meet with your class during the scheduled final exam period.

Take advantage of being part of the campus and its surrounding community.

Prepare a comprehensive and thorough course syllabus and calendar to distribute at the beginning of the semester.

Make your grading criteria clear to your students.

Comment on positive areas of a student's work as well as areas for improvement.

Refer students to other to other areas of the campus for assistance, when necessary.

Remember you are a valued member of the campus community!

Don'ts

Don't change the date for your final exams without the consent of all your students and notification and approval of your department chair and college dean.

Don't allow or encourage any member of your classroom to hold up to ridicule or cause embarrassment to any students or other member of the campus community.

Don't forget to return student work in a timely manner.

Don't post student grades or make public any confidential information about students.

Don't leave any valuables unattended in your classroom or your office.

Don't engage in romantic activities with students

Don't forget where you parked your car

History

In 1887, General John Bidwell, pioneer, statesman, and founder of Chico, donated eight acres of cherry orchard, and construction began on Chico State Normal School. The campus opened in 1889 with 90 students and five faculty members. The first class of teachers graduated in June 1891. Chico State Normal School became Chico State Teachers College in 1921. The legislature converted its teachers colleges to state colleges in 1935, and Chico State Teachers College became Chico State College. In 1972, the College became California State University, Chico. The campus proper is 119 acres. The University also manages 800 acres of farm land and 240 acres of range land.

Vision

California State University, Chico sees its distinctive residential context as an opportunity to create an active, diverse, healthy, caring, innovative, and green learning environment. We aim to create a vibrant and collaborative living and learning experience for students, who will appreciate and embrace the local, regional, and global communities of which we are all a part. We have a well-respected and dedicated faculty, a superior staff, and committed leadership together with cutting-edge learning and information resources. All of these assets are placed within a beautiful and engaging physical environment. We are a place devoted to the academy's most fundamental tenets: reason, respect, civility, and community. We are a place where the passion of our commitments and clarity of our values find expression every day in the community of learning and serving we have fashioned.

Mission

California State University, Chico is a comprehensive university principally serving Northern California, our state and nation through excellence in instruction, research, creative activity, and public service. The University is committed to assist students in their search for knowledge and understanding and to prepare them with the attitudes, skills, and habits of lifelong learning in order to assume responsibility in a democratic community and to be useful members of a global society.

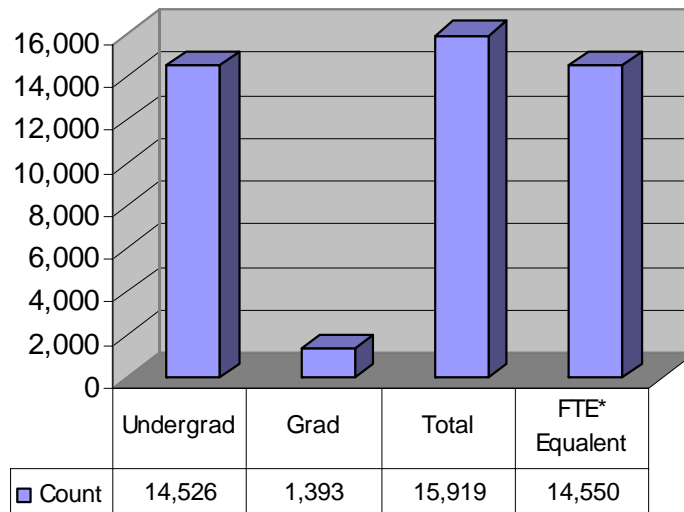
Strategic Priorities

1. Believing in the primacy of learning, we will continue to develop high-quality learning environments both inside and outside the classroom.
2. Believing in the importance of faculty and staff, and their role in student success, we will continue to invest in faculty and staff development.
3. Believing in the wise use of new technologies in learning and teaching, we will continue to provide the technology, the related training, and the support needed to create high quality learning environments both inside and outside of the classroom.
4. Believing in the value of service to others, we will continue to serve the educational, cultural, and economic needs of Northern California.

5. Believing that we are accountable to the people of the state of California, we will continue to diversify our sources of revenue and strategically manage the resources entrusted to us.
6. Believing that each generation owes something to those which follow, we will create environmentally literate citizens, who embrace sustainability as a way of living. We will be wise stewards of scarce resources and, in seeking to develop the whole person, be aware that our individual and collective actions have economic, social, and environmental consequences locally, regionally and globally.

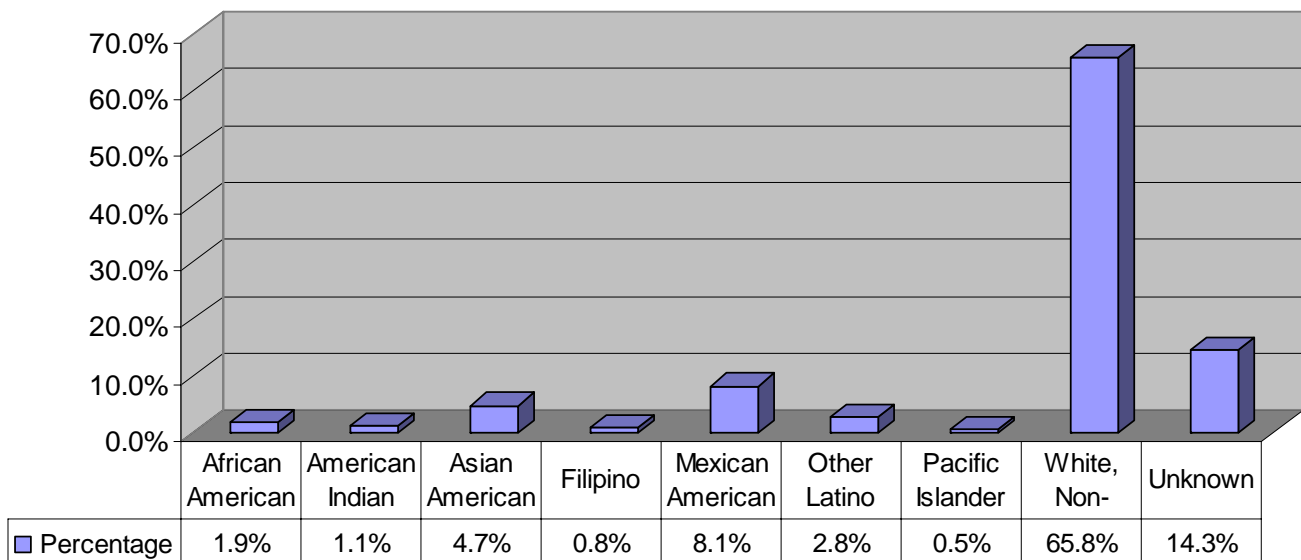
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Students Enrollment Fall 2005

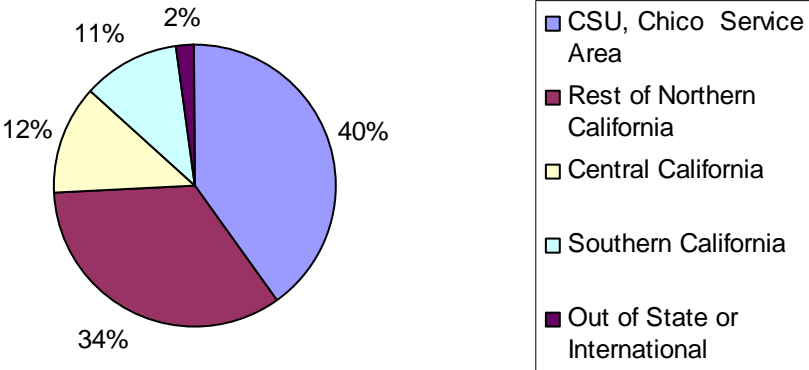


* FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) = Total number of course hours enrolled during a particular semester, divided by 15

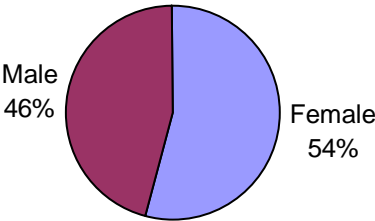
Enrollment by Ethnicity



Student Population from

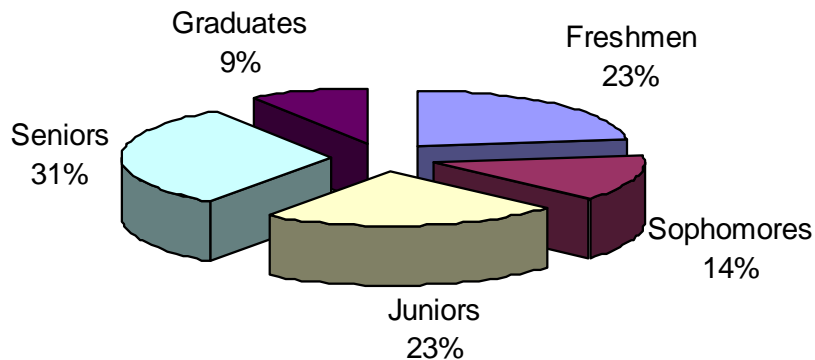


Percentage By Gender Fall 2005



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Percentage by Class Fall 2005



Number of degrees awarded from July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005.

Bachelor's degrees	2,724
Post bachelor's certificates	466
Master's degrees	344
Post-master's certificates	34

Top Ten Majors

1. Business Administration
2. Liberal Studies (elementary school education)
3. Psychology
4. Nursing
5. Construction Management
6. Recreation Administration
7. Computer Science
8. English
9. Political Science
10. Music

Student/Faculty ratio: 21 to 1

Average Undergraduate Class Size: 27

Average Age

CSU, Chico Average (undergraduate and graduate) **23**
Undergraduate Average **22**

Where Our Students come from

Our students come from 48 nations, 39 states, and 1 U.S. territory

Faculty & Staff (Fall 2005)

Number of Instructional Faculty - 913*

- Full-time Faculty **55%**
- Part-time Faculty **45%**

Full-time Faculty with Doctorates/Terminal Degrees 88%

Staff 972*

* Coaches, librarians, and others who have faculty status but primarily engage in non-instructional functions are counted as Staff rather than Instructional Faculty

Accreditation:

California State University, Chico is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Various college programs are accredited by specialized agencies which can be viewed at <http://www.csuchico.edu/catalog/cat01/front/accreditation.html>

Location:

90 miles north of Sacramento; 174 miles northeast of San Francisco

Campus Map - <http://www.csuchico.edu/community/map/>



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Driving directions to California State University, Chico

From Interstate 5 driving north or south: Turn east on Hwy. 32 in Orland, stay on Hwy. 32 into Chico to West 2nd St. Turn left on West 2nd St. and continue to Chestnut St. and the university.

From Sacramento Airport: Follow the signs to I-5 going to Sacramento. Approximately two miles from the airport, follow signs to Hwy. 99 and 70 going north to Marysville and Chico.

From Hwy. 99 and 70 going north to Chico: Stay on Hwy. 99 north to Chico, or take Hwy. 70 via Oroville and Hwy. 149 to Hwy. 99 to Chico. Exit Hwy. 99 at Hwy. 32 turning left onto East 8th St. to and through downtown Chico. Continue west to Chestnut St. Turn right on Chestnut St. and continue north for six blocks to West 2nd Street and the university.

From Hwy. 99 going south to Chico: Take the East 1st Ave. exit and turn right. Go west to the Esplanade and turn left onto the Esplanade into downtown Chico and onto Broadway. Turn right on 2nd St. and go three blocks to Chestnut St. and the university.

Visitor Parking: From 2nd and Chestnut Sts. you will see the Visitor Parking lot. Pick up a parking permit from the vending machine or the University Police.

On Campus Parking

Parking permits are required: Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM to 10:00 PM and Fridays 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM The university has insufficient parking for its faculty, staff, and students. Parking lots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, which means that lots are usually filled by 8 a.m. and remain so throughout the day.

Permits can be obtained by Faculty and Staff through pre-tax payroll deduction. Contact Cashiering at 530-898-6347 or visit Kendall 210

For a map of parking areas go to <http://www.csuchico.edu/fms/map/pdfs/Lot-loc.pdf>

Parking Rules

For a current parking information and rules go to University Police WEB site <http://www.csuchico.edu/up/parking/rules.html>

Public Transportation

United Express has several flights a day between Chico and San Francisco. San Francisco International is a four to five hour drive, and Sacramento Metro airport is an hour and forty-five minutes from Chico by car. Rental cars are available at San Francisco and Sacramento airports. Car rental agencies in Chico are Budget and Enterprise (both with Chico airport pickup), and Hertz and Avis located at the airport.

Shuttle service between Sacramento airport and Chico is available through North Valley Shuttle (530-891-1219). Reservations are required.

AMTRAK and Greyhound Bus also have regular service into downtown Chico.

- **Public Transportation In Chico and Butte County**

The university, in cooperation with the Associated Students, the city of Chico, and the county of Butte, provides free access to all city (Chico Area Transit Service-CATS) and county (Butte County Transit) buses for students, faculty, and staff. The city, under agreement with the Associated Students, also operates special student shuttle buses free to all students. Bus schedules and maps are available in the BMU or from the city. For information call, 530-342-0221 or 1-800-822-8145.

- **Parking Limitations and Alternative Transportation**

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Because of the shortage of available parking on campus and in downtown Chico, we encourage you to use the free local transportation system, ride a bike, or walk instead of driving to campus. The university encourages the use of alternative methods of transportation. These include the following.

- **Walking:**

Many university students live within walking distance of campus. Walking is the most healthy and least expensive method of getting to the university. The university has a program to upgrade the lighting along major campus footpaths as well as to provide a nighttime escort service in order to make walking on campus safer.

- **Public Transit:**

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- **Bicycling:**

The university provides almost three times more bicycle parking spaces than spaces for motor vehicles. Chico is a convenient community for bicycling, as it is relatively flat and there are ample bike parking locations as well as bike lanes and bike paths throughout the community. Bicycles must be licensed in California; you may register your bicycle through the University Police Department as well as through the city of Chico's Finance Department.

Although bicycle riding through the core of the university campus is prohibited, there are convenient bicycle parking locations around the entire campus. Bicycles are to be parked and locked only in those areas designated for such parking and may not be locked to fences, trees, or in buildings. The University Police enforces the university's regulations concerning bicycle riding and parking on the campus.

- **Ride Sharing:**

The university, in cooperation with the Chico Transportation Management Association, offers ridesharing information and will assist you in finding someone to ride with during your commute. Additional ridesharing programs are being considered for future implementation. See the Ride Sharing bulletin board in the student union.

- **Electric-powered Vehicles:**

The university is exploring ways to facilitate the use of electric vehicles as an alternative to combustion engine-powered vehicles for commuting to the university.

Off Campus Parking

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