

FIRST-TIME COLLEGE STUDENT GUIDE



At the heart of the tree-filled college town of Chico, California, Chico State is a nationally recognized public university and a 20-time *US News & World Report* Top Public School in the West. With a welcoming spirit and vibrant campus culture, we encourage students to discover their passions and advocate for what they care about through more than 340 academic offerings and cocurricular programs. Invigorated by the North State's natural beauty, our students enjoy all the benefits of an inclusive, diverse, and close-knit community—a campus large enough to support a rich experience but intimate enough that professors know your name and are committed to your success.

Our expert faculty work closely with undergraduate and graduate students to create innovative solutions to issues big and small, focusing on practical application with global impact.

BEING CONNECTED IS WHAT SETS US APART

In addition to a high quality, high-value education and an active and engaged student body, Chico State prides itself on its strong connection with our community and the state of California. When you become a Wildcat, you join a well-connected network of 183,323 alumni who share the unique experience of learning at a residential university adjacent to a charming downtown with unrivaled access to magnificent natural surroundings.



DEGREE OFFERINGS

Advanced Manufacturing & Applied Robotics	
Agricultural Business	BS
Agricultural Science	BS
 Agricultural Communication & Leadership 	
 Agricultural Science & Education 	
Animal Science	BS
 Food Animal Production 	
 Pre-Veterinary Science 	
Anthropology	BA
Art	BA
Art Education	
Art History	
Art Studio	
Art	BFA
Art Studio	
Interior Architecture	
Asian Studies	BA
Biochemistry	BS
Biological Sciences	BA
Biological Sciences	BS
Cellular & Molecular Biology	20
 Ecological, Evolutionary, & Organismal Biology 	
 Plant Biology 	
Business Administration	BS
Accounting	50
Entrepreneurship & Small Business Manageme	ont
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Human Resource Management	
Marketing	
Project Management	
Business Information Systems	BS
Business Analytics	D9
Management Information Systems	
Operations & Supply Chain Management	
	BABS
Child Development	BA
Civil Engineering	BS
Environmental & Water Resources Engineering	
General Civil Engineering	
Structural Engineering	
Communication Design	BFA
Communication Sciences & Disorders	BS
Communication Studies	BA
Communication & Public Affairs	
Organizational Communication	
Computer Animation & Game Development	BS
Animation Production	
Game Development	
Computer Engineering	BS
Computer Information Systems	BS
Computer Science	BS
Concrete Industry Management	BS

BS BS BS	Construction Management Criminal Justice Economics Electrical & Electronic Engineering English	BS BA BA BS BA
BS	 English Education English Studies Literature 	
BA BA	Environmental Science Applied Ecology Atmosphere & Climate Energy & Earth Resources Hydrology 	BS
BFA	Exercise Physiology French Geography	BS BA BA
BA BS BA BS	 Human Geography & Planning Physical & Environmental Geography Geology Geosciences Physical Science Education Geosciences Science Education German 	BS BS BA
BS nt	Health Services Administration History • General History	BS BA
	Social Science Pre-Credential Humanities International Relations Intersectional Chicanx/Latinx Studies	BA BA BA
BS	Journalism • News • Public Relations Kinesiology	BA BA
BA BS BA BS	 Movement Studies Coaching & Administration Fitness & Wellness Physical Education Teacher Education Adapted Physical Education Specialist Credent Latin American Studies 	
BFA BS BA	Liberal Studies • Bilingual/Cross-Cultural Pre-Credential • General Pre-Credential • Liberal Arts Pre-Credential • Multiple Subjects	BA
BS BS	Mathematics Applied Mathematics Foundational Mathematics Education General Mathematics 	BS
BS BS BS	 Mathematics Education Mathematics Education Credential Statistics 	

Mechanical Engineering	BS
Mechatronic Engineering	BS
Media Arts	BA
• Criticism	
Production	
Microbiology	BS
Clinical Laboratory Science	
General Microbiology Multicultural & Gender Studies	BA
General	DA
Women's Studies	
Music	BA
General Music	DA
Music Education	
Music Education	
Recording Arts	
Musical Theatre	BFA
Natural Sciences (Science Education)	BS
Nursing	BS
Nutrition & Food Science	BS
Food & Nutrition Communication	20
General Dietetics	
Nutrition Management	
Philosophy	BA
Physics	BS
General Physics	
Professional Physics	
Plant & Soil Science	BS
Crops & Horticulture	
 Land & Soil Resource Management 	
Political Science	
 Legal Studies 	BA
• U.S. Politics	
Psychology	BA
Public Administration	BA
Public Health	BS
Recreation, Hospitality, & Parks Management	BS
 Event Management 	
 Parks & Recreation Management 	
 Resort & Lodging Management 	
Religious Studies	BA
Social Science	BA
 Multidisciplinary 	
 Specialization Studies 	
Sociology	BA
Social Work	BA
Spanish	BA
• Spanish	
Spanish Pre-Credential	
Theatre Arts	BA

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

For some fields, your bachelor's degree may just be the foundation of your education. Choose your major based on your interests, and work with Chico State faculty to prepare for a successful application to professional or graduate schools.

- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Forensic Science
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- · Pre-Theology
- Pre-Veterinary

ONLINE DEGREE COMPLETION

Upper-division transfer students are eligible to complete certain bachelor's degrees online.

- Humanities
- Liberal Studies
- Multicultural & Gender Studies
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Social Science
- Nursing for RNs



Discover your passion and turn it into a career at Chico State.

ACTIVITIES ABOUND



WILDCAT RECREATION CENTER

There's something here for everyone who wants to move! In addition to a great exercise equipment selection, the Wildcat Recreation Center offers an outdoor pool and spa deck, a 3,000-square-foot climbing gym, a variety of 60 group classes per week, basketball courts, and an indoor track.



WILDCAT GAMING LOBBY

The Wildcat Gaming Lobby offers a wide variety of gaming options from PC gaming on MSI Codex R towers to console gaming, and from board games to arcade games. Game casually or competitively with a community of gamers in the Wildcat Gaming Club.

NCAA DIVISION II ATHLETICS

Baseball Basketball Cross Country Golf Soccer Softball Track & Field Women's Volleyball

RECREATIONAL AND CLUB SPORTS

Ballroom Dance Basehall Basketball, Women's **Bass Fishing** Cheer Cycling Envy Hip Hop **Expressions Dance** Golf Lacrosse Momentum Dance Round Net Rowing Rugby Soccer Triathlon Ultimate Vollevball Wakehoard Water Polo Water Ski Wildcat Gaming

SUPPORT AND WELLNESS

MIND AND BODY

Your mental and physical wellness are key to your success in college, and at Chico State you are backed by services like the Hungry Wildcat Food Pantry and the Wildcat Health Center, as well as support for neurodiverse students and meditation spaces.



PASS THAT CLASS

Wildcats benefit from the dual support of academic advisors and advisors embedded in your major's department. After choosing the right classes to graduate, pass them confidently with free tutoring and utilizing office hours with your professors.



COMMUNITY UNITY

Chico State is a community for everyone. You will find a place here, whether you join one of 200-plus clubs, develop your confidence in the Cross-Cultural Leadership Center, or become a peer mentor in one of our many network programs.

COST OF ATTENDANCE

ANNUAL ESTIMATED COST **\$28,030**

- In-State Tuition and Fees \$8,064
- On-campus room and board \$16,020
- Books and supplies \$1,052
- Personal Expenses \$2,192
- Transportation \$702

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID School Code: 001146

FAFSA: December 2023-April 2, 2024

www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

CADAA: December 2023-April 2, 2024

www.dream.csac.ca.gov

Wildcat Scholarships: January 2-February 15

www.csuchico.edu/fa/scholarships/wildcat.shtml

- Apply even if you haven't been admitted
- One application covers 700 awards
- Major, performance, and need based

Bridging the Gaps

- 2,000+ Student Jobs on Campus
- Basic Needs & Housing Assistance
- Hungry Wildcat Food Pantry

TOP-RATED FOR AFFORDABILITY

- Chico State is #5 in the nation for lowest student debt
- 77% of Chico State students receive financial aid

MAIN CAMPUS MEETS MAIN STREET

The hallmark of a true college-town experience is a strong relationship between the University and its city. As a Wildcat, you'll be a member of the Chico community, contributing your knowledge, skills, and self to its vibrancy while enjoying all it has to offer.



EAT

The small town charm of Chico explodes in flavors as you tour exceptional restaurants throughout the city serving dishes and flavors from all over the world. Find a favorite coffee shop for a study sesh, grab a bite downtown between classes, or pick up produce at the three weekly farmers markets.

EXPLORE

Indoors and outdoors, sunrise hikes to sunset toasts—Chico has four seasons of fun for everyone. Whether you're a mountain biker, museum goer, craft brew lover, boutique shopper, live music fan, or hiker, there are plenty of places to have fun!



When family or friends come to visit, they will find a wealth of places to rest and recharge within driving distance to campus, from a family-friendly motel with a swimming pool to a historic downtown hotel or a national brand hotel.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING



ESKEN AND MECHOOPDA HALLS

Close to the track and stadium, WellCat Health Center, and parking lot. Includes barbecues, a sand volleyball court, game lounges and computer labs. The Honors Living Community is here.



ÉSTOM JÁMANI HALL

Éstom Jámani is our newest and largest residence hall. Located above Éstom Jámani Dining Hall and includes gender inclusive restrooms. A Lavender Living Community is here.

LASSEN AND SHASTA HALLS

Small communities and closest to your classes. Includes a gaming lounge. The Wild About Business Living Community and Health and Human Services Living Community are here.



KONKOW HALL Independent apartment-style living with kitchens, lounge spaces, and close access to parking.



UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

Independent apartment-style living within a mile of campus. Includes a shuttle to get to your classes, two pools, a hot tub, kitchens, and gated parking. A Lavender Living Community and the Agriculture Learning Community are here.



Nearly 10,000 Chico State students live within one mile of campus, enjoying walkable access to all the campus amenities and student-friendly, affordable neighborhoods. University staff foster community relationships and support student renters with services like:

- Renter certification program that waives apartment application fees for students
- Free countywide public transportation on the B-Line
- College Pads, a secure rental search platform just for Chico State students



APPLY TO CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO

- 1. Apply at *www.calstate.edu/apply* Spring Application: August 1–September 30 Fall Application: October 1–December 15
- 2. Complete these college "a-g" preparatory requirements with C- or better by the end of your senior year of high school.

• English	4 years
 Mathematics 	3 years
 History/Social Science 	2 years
 Laboratory Science 	2 years
• Language (other than English)	2 years
 Visual and Performing Arts 	1 year
Elective	1 year

3. CA Resident

• 2.50 or greater GPA

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• 2.00–2.49 GPA

Eligibility based on supplemental factors

Non-CA Resident • 3.00 or greater GPA Ø Eligible

• 2.47-2.99 GPA

Eligibility based on supplemental factors

Application dates are subject to extension. Check Cal State Apply after the deadlines for current status.

Apply today!

www.calstate.edu/apply



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