

The California State University

The individual California State Colleges were brought together as a system by the Donahoe Higher Education Act of 1960. In 1972, the system became The California State University and Colleges. Ten years later, the system became The California State University. Today, all 20 campuses have the title "university."

The oldest campus — San Jose State University — was founded as a Normal School in 1857 and became the first institution of public higher education in California. The newest campus — California State University, San Marcos — began admitting students in fall 1990.

Responsibility for The California State University is vested in the board of trustees, consisting of ex officio members, alumni and faculty representatives, and members appointed by the governor. The trustees appoint the chancellor, who is the chief executive officer of the system, and the presidents, who are the chief executive officers of the respective campuses.

The trustees, the chancellor, and the presidents develop systemwide policy, with actual implementation at the campus level taking place through broadly based consultative procedures. The Academic Senate of The California State University, made up of elected representatives of the faculty from each campus, recommends academic policy to the board of trustees through the chancellor.

Academic excellence has been achieved by The California State University through a distinguished faculty, whose primary responsibility is superior teaching. While each campus in the system has its own unique geographic and curricular character, all campuses, as multipur-

pose institutions, offer undergraduate and graduate instruction for professional and occupational goals as well as broad liberal education. All of the campuses require for graduation a basic program of *General Education requirements*, regardless of the type of bachelor's degree or major field selected by the student.

The CSU offers more than 1,500 bachelor's and master's degree programs in some 200 subject areas. Many of these programs are offered so students can complete all upper-division and graduate requirements by part-time, late afternoon, and evening study. In addition, a variety of teaching and school service credential programs are available. A limited number of doctoral degrees are offered jointly with the University of California and with private institutions in California.

In fall 1993, the system enrolled approximately 326,000 students, taught by more than 16,000 faculty. Last year the system awarded more than 50 percent of the bachelor's degrees and 30 percent of the master's degrees granted in California. More than 1.2 million persons have been graduated from the 20 campuses since 1960.

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