

California State University, Fresno began as a two-year state normal school with 150 students in 1911, largely preparing teachers for their profession.

Today, CSU Fresno is a stimulating center of intellectual and cultural activity, dedicated to academic excellence, integrity, and freedom. With nearly 19,000 students registered, the university recognizes its commitment to develop qualified professionals who will become tomorrow's leaders in every walk of life.

CSU Fresno offers challenging and innovative programs in the liberal arts and sciences, in the professions, in applied fields, and in special and interdisciplinary areas. Departmental programs provide unusual and interesting opportunities for a proficient and enriching university experience.

The excellence of the CSU Fresno faculty is documented in a variety of ways, including recognition from national and international associations. Eighty-nine percent of the tenured faculty hold doctoral degrees in their areas of study. However, the most important characteristic of the CSU Fresno faculty is their ability to care about students and their willingness to give of their time on an individual basis.

The Campus. Under a dense canopy of 4,000 trees, the CSU Fresno campus sits at the northeast edge of Fresno, against a backdrop of the beautiful Sierra Nevada. Designated as an arboretum in 1978, the campus and its parklike setting creates a beautiful environment for new friends and pursuing a quality education.

The 327-acre main campus features more than 46 traditional and modern buildings. An additional 34 structures are on the 1,083-acre University Farm, which is considered one of the most modern and best equipped agricultural facilities in the West.

Outstanding research facilities, including computer, engineering, electronics, and industrial technology laboratories, are complemented by cultural and recreational facilities. The campus has two student unions, indoor and outdoor theaters for drama and music, and swimming facilities. Students can also make use of many individual and team sport facilities, a baseball stadium at Beiden Field that seats 4,575 spectators, and a 41,000-seat football/soccer stadium.

The CSU Fresno campus is fully accessible and students with mobility impairments will find the naturally flat terrain easy to navigate. 

Around CSUF you'll find adventure at every corner, from Wildwater Adventures in Clovis to the serenity of Woodward Park ... theatre and jazz thrive in the Tower District and more than 500 species of mammals, birds and reptiles call the Chaffee Zoological Gardens "home."

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