

THE CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGES

The 19 campuses of the California State Colleges, spanning the state from Humboldt County in the north to San Diego in the south, represent the largest system of public higher education in the Western Hemisphere and one of the largest in the world. Current enrollment exceeds 212,000 full-time and part-time students. The faculty and administrative staff number approximately 10,000.

Each college in this system, with a geographic and curricular character of its own, offers a basic program in the liberal arts. Course offerings leading to the bachelor's and master's degree and a limited number of joint doctoral degrees are designed to satisfy existing student interests while serving the educational and professional requirements of the state.

The California State Colleges are dedicated to rigorous academic standards. The primary faculty responsibility is the instructional process, with recognition of the necessary role of research in institutions of higher education.

Responsibility for the California State Colleges is vested in the Board of Trustees, which is appointed by the Governor, and its administrative officer, the Chancellor. The Trustees and the Chancellor set broad policy for the colleges while delegating responsibility for implementation to the colleges. A statewide Academic Senate, made up of representatives elected by the faculty at each college, recommends academic policy to the Board of Trustees through the Chancellor.

While the oldest of the colleges, San Jose State College, was founded over a century ago, the California State College system under an independent Board of Trustees was created by the Donahoe Act of 1960.

The California State Colleges are now in a dynamic period of development. Prior to World War II, there were seven State Colleges with a peak total enrollment of some 13,000. Since 1947 twelve new colleges have been established, and sites have been selected for new colleges in Ventura, San Mateo, and Contra Costa Counties. Enrollment in the system is expected to reach 300,000 by 1980.

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