

# Preview



**C**alifornia State University, Fresno is a stimulating center of intellectual and cultural activity, dedicated to academic excellence, integrity, and freedom. It is committed to developing qualified professionals and leaders, and to serving the San Joaquin Valley.

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 has been documented in a variety of ways, including recognition from national and international associations. More than 80 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 more than 4,000 trees, the CSU, Fresno campus sits at the northeast edge of Fresno, amid San Joaquin Valley vineyards and orchards, against a backdrop of the beautiful Sierra Nevada. The campus was officially designated as an arboretum in 1978 and its park-like setting creates a beautiful environment for making new friends and pursuing a quality education.

The 220-acre main campus features more than 45 traditional and modern buildings. An additional 34 structures are on the 1,190-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 labs, are complemented by cultural and recreational facilities, which include two college unions, indoor and outdoor theatres for drama and music, swimming facilities, many individual and team sport facilities, a new baseball stadium at Beiden Field that seats 3,758 spectators, and a new 30,000-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.

## The Community

Fresno's metropolitan area has a population of more than 400,000 and yet it maintains a friendly "big town" feeling. Cultural events are numerous and feature such groups as the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra, the Fresno Arts Center, the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, and the Community Theatre.

The community is proud of CSU, Fresno and enthusiastically supports many of the university's programs, whether they are sports, the arts, academic competitions or other special events.

## Recreation

Fresno is the only place in the nation within an easy drive of three national parks—Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon. Therefore, it isn't surprising that much of CSU, Fresno's recreational and social life centers on the outdoors. Boating, fishing, water skiing, and windsurfing at one of the six nearby lakes are popular activities during the spring and summer. Winter recreation includes downhill skiing and cross-country skiing at nearby Sierra Summit or Badger Pass in the beautiful Sierra Mountains.