WE ARE LA

Cal State LA is the premier comprehensive public university in the heart of Los Angeles. Ranked number one in the nation for the upward mobility of our students, we transform the lives of our graduates and prepare them to succeed in the workforce and beyond.

Our nationally recognized programs in science, the arts, business, criminal justice, engineering, nursing, education, and the humanities are taught by award-winning faculty who are cutting-edge researchers and dedicated mentors.

Cal State LA is committed to engagement, service, and the public good. Through partnerships with our communities, we enrich our city, our region, our state, and our world.
CAL STATE LA is ranked number one in the U.S. for the upward mobility of our graduates. That means we’re the best university in the nation at helping our students earn their degrees and propel up the economic ladder.
27,000 students
1,700+ faculty
14 NCAA Athletic Teams
100+ student organizations
21:1 student to faculty ratio
87% of students receive financial aid
RANKED

#3 in Best Bang for the Buck in the West by Washington Monthly

#3 in Best Master’s Universities by Washington Monthly

#5 in Most Innovative Schools—Regional Universities West by U.S. News and World Report

#8 in Top Public Schools—Regional Universities West by U.S. News and World Report

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STUDENTS CAN make the most out of their college experience by living in our new residence halls for freshmen and sophomores. The three-tower housing complex hugs the north side of the university’s campus and includes a state-of-the-art dining commons, a learning center, and a wellness center featuring a weight room and spin studio.
Cal State LA BioSpace is leading the university’s mission to promote a thriving bioscience ecosystem in the heart of Los Angeles by providing facilities, resources, training, and knowledge to help emerging entrepreneurs turn their scientific discoveries into job-creating businesses.

The Cal State LA BioSpace initiative is a critical component of the region’s collective effort to grow and develop the bioscience industry. The Rongxiang Xu Bioscience Innovation Center is a new incubator that can house up to 25 startup firms and features wet lab and dry lab space, coworking space, multi-use classrooms and other lab options to accommodate needs ranging from desks to single lab benches to secured and walled-off lab suites.
Cal State LA offers the first and only B.S. degree program in fire protection in California.

Cal State LA is home to Southern California’s first on-campus Metrolink rail station.

Cal State LA’s Hydrogen Research and Fueling Facility was the first in the world to sell hydrogen fuel by the kilogram directly to retail customers and is the largest university-located self-producing hydrogen station.

The Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs is a nonpartisan, public policy institute that promotes social justice, equity, civic engagement, and an enhanced quality of life for all Californians through research and programming.

Cal State LA’s Early Entrance Program in the Honors College accepts highly gifted students as young as 11 years old.

The Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center is home to Cal State LA’s renowned criminalistics program and the crime laboratories of the Los Angeles Police and Los Angeles County Sheriff’s departments.
CAL STATE LA is home to 14 athletics teams—13 in NCAA Division II—that compete across nine sports, including baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, track and field, and volleyball. The Golden Eagles men’s soccer team took home the national championship trophy in 2021.
Cal State LA completed the first comprehensive fundraising campaign in the history of the university, surpassing the goal of raising $75 million by the university’s 75th anniversary. The university raised more than $101 million from 16,000 donors to support students, programs, faculty, research, and community services. The funds raised will support Cal State LA’s continued academic distinction and efforts to propel our students to greater prosperity.
The WellBeingU initiative offers resources, programs, and events to support the mental and physical well-being of students, to increase access to mental health services, and to promote the holistic wellness of the entire Cal State LA community. President William A. Covino and First Lady Debbie Covino created the WellBeingU initiative in 2014 to promote a welcoming and inclusive environment for learning, interaction, and engagement, and to reduce the stigma around conversations about mental health.

WellBeingU brings notable leaders and experts to the university to share insights about important topics through a speaker series, students de-stress during midterms and finals with the help of therapy dogs, and more than 1,000 faculty, staff, and students have been certified in Mental Health First Aid, learning skills necessary to identify and assist those in need of mental health resources.
Healthy LA

**CAL STATE LA’S We Are**
Healthy LA initiative, launched during the COVID-19 pandemic, is a collaboration with government and community partners to provide basic needs and help promote the health and safety of students and the community beyond the university’s campus. Cal State LA’s efforts have included hosting one of the first federal COVID-19 community vaccination sites, numerous community food distributions, flu shot clinics, COVID-19 testing, and free COVID-19 vaccination and booster clinics for students, faculty, staff, and the community.
PRISON B.A. GRADUATION INITIATIVE

Cal State LA’s Prison B.A. Graduation Initiative is the first in-person bachelor’s degree completion program for incarcerated students in California—and the program is transforming lives. More than 35 incarcerated and formerly incarcerated men have earned bachelor’s degrees in communication through the program, which is run out of California State Prison, Los Angeles County in Lancaster. Graduates have gone on to start businesses, join nonprofits, and begin graduate degree programs. Cal State LA has launched the state’s first in-person bachelor’s degree program for incarcerated women at the California Institute for Women in Chino, in partnership with Chaffey College.
In the College of Natural and Social Sciences, the Minority Opportunities in Research (MORE) programs enhance the development of minority students who wish to pursue research careers in natural science disciplines, mathematics, and engineering through intensive student development and research opportunities. Cal State LA is a leader in graduating students of color who go on to earn a Ph.D. in STEM fields.

The College of Ethnic Studies at Cal State LA is the first such college to be established at a university in the U.S. in 50 years.

The College of Education at Cal State LA offers two doctoral programs for educational leaders and scholars: an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and a Ph.D. in Special Education, which is jointly offered in partnership with UCLA.

The business program in the College of Business and Economics continues to rank in the top 10 in California among public institutions, according to U.S. News & World Report.

The nursing master’s degree program in the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing in the Rongxiang Xu College of Health and Human Services continues to rank among the best in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report.

The engineering program in the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology is one of the top 5 in the nation among public, master’s awarding institutions, excluding military academies, according to U.S. News & World Report.

The Televison, Film & Media Center in the College of Arts and Letters is a state-of-the-art instructional and production facility that provides students with resources in all phases of media production and critical studies.
Distinguished Alumni

MORE THAN 250,000 distinguished alumni call Cal State LA their alma mater. Our alumni include leaders from across industries, including government, public health, the sciences, the sports world, and more.
A Cal State LA degree changes the lives of our students and their families. During their time at Cal State LA, students cultivate their passions, build community, and learn how to meet the challenges of today’s world with the support of the university community.
“The Cal State LA curriculum allowed me to take courses that helped me gain an understanding of the way society and the communities around me are built alongside a rigorous science curriculum.”

Nikita Mishra, Class of 2022

“What I like best about Cal State LA is how the curriculum is designed to be hands-on. The skills and knowledge that I learned at the university will help me launch into my career as I graduate.”

Brajon Hicks, Class of 2021

“There’s just so much opportunity across campus. The faculty here get it; their intentions are genuine.”

Joseph Lucey, Class of 2018

“Cal State LA has taught me to be more well-rounded and resilient, especially being a female in a field that is majority male. The environment in my department was super collaborative. I really enjoyed the opportunity to interact with students and faculty from diverse backgrounds and experiences.”

Alexis Kam, Class of 2020

“I felt like Cal State LA always tried to go above and beyond to give students what they need to have a successful college career and I am very thankful that I chose this university to attend.”

Myricia Amey, Class of 2020

“The faculty and administration at Cal State LA provided all the resources I needed to make the most out of my time at the school. My coaches, professors, staff, and teammates invested in me as much as I invested in them, which generated loyalty, community, and an environment to thrive in!”

Jesper Evensen, Class of 2021