

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY STANISLAUS

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CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	80
Fire Safety Rating	99
Green Rating	92
Type of school	public
Environment	town

STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	7,087
% male/female	35/65
% from out of state	2
% from public high school	93
% live on campus	8
# of fraternities	7
# of sororities	10
# of countries represented	33

SURVEY SAYS . . .

Diverse student types on campus
Different types of students interact
Low cost of living
Very little drug use

ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	73
Calendar	semester
Student/faculty ratio	21:1
Profs interesting rating	77
Profs accessible rating	72
Most common reg class size	20–29 students
Most common lab size	20–29 students

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

business/commerce
liberal arts and sciences/
liberal studies
nursing
biological sciences

STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

Academics

“Best known for its nursing, criminal justice, and psychology programs” as well as what many students believe is “one of the best teacher credential programs in California,” California State University Stanislaus provides to its 7,000 undergraduates “a very practical education” in “a friendly environment.” Small in comparison to many state universities, CSU Stanislaus can offer “small class sizes that allow better communication with both professors and fellow classmates,” which is a huge plus. A “friendly, accessible faculty” is another; professors are “well educated, well written, and have the experience to back up what they teach. When students stop in to ask a question, the professors stop what they are doing and give their full attention to the student.” Programs are designed with the goal of accommodating a wide variety of students; the school “has a main campus and two satellite campuses and offers both day and night classes” so that part-time students can access the same educational opportunities as traditional full-timers. As at many state schools, budgetary problems occasionally impose hardships, such as course cancellations that result in “a lack of classes [required] to graduate. Budget cuts have made this tough for a lot of students, and many of my friends will now have to attend the college for an additional year in order to graduate.”

Life

CSU Stanislaus students who live on campus tell us that “the dorms and the school provide students with tons of activities and fun events to attend. Stanislaus really makes an effort to get their students involved and become well-rounded individuals” by offering “lots of activities put on by the Student Union and lots more put on by the Residential Life people or by specific floors in the dorms.” Intramural sports are very popular. Students add that, “There are also lots of clubs and organizations to get involved with on campus.” Hometown Turlock is “a small town” with “not a ton of things to do” other than “a decent movie theater,” but “it’s only a short drive to Modesto where there really are tons of things to do,” including “some great restaurants.” Commuters have a rougher time integrating into campus life; “It’s hard to build friendships with people because more often [than] not they live pretty far away,” one explains. Currently, less than 10 percent of all students live in on-campus housing.

Student Body

“A CSU Stanislaus poster student would be a white female in her 20s”—two in three students here are women—but “there is a wide range of diversity on this campus,” including a substantial Hispanic population. Undergrads “all seem to fit in well with each other.” “The are two types of students at CSU Stanislaus: the commuter and the one who’s incredibly involved.” Commuters tend to focus on getting] their degree and getting] into their career,” and can be a “bit disconnected from the social life on campus.” However, other students are “involved in almost everything,” are “in clubs and are active in student government.” The prevailing attitude here is low-key and business-like; “Everyone is down-to-earth, relaxed, and chill” but also “more focused and driven than the average 20-year-old.”

THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

Admissions

Very important factors considered include: Academic GPA, rigor of secondary school record, standardized test scores. *Important factors considered include:* Class rank. TOEFL required of all international applicants. High school diploma is required, and GED is accepted. *Academic units required:* 4 English, 3 mathematics, 2 science, (2 science labs), 2 foreign language, 1 social studies, 1 history, 1 visual/performing arts, 1 academic elective.

Financial Aid

Students should submit: FAFSA. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after January 1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Federal Pell, SEOG, state scholarships/grants, private scholarships, the school's own gift aid, Federal Nursing Scholarships. *Loan aid offered:* Federal Perkins, college/university loans from institutional funds. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning March 15. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available. Off-campus job opportunities are good.

The Inside Word

Like most state schools, CSU Stanislaus admissions practices are fairly straightforward. The university adheres to the eligibility index as defined by the California state system, so applicants who meet GPA and standardized test score minimums are automatically granted admission. Out-of-state candidates face more stringent requirements, as do those applying for highly competitive majors and programs, such as the Pre-Licensure Nursing Program.

THE SCHOOL SAYS “. . .”

From The Admissions Office

“CSU Stanislaus was recognized by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities as one of 12 public universities nationwide that demonstrate exceptional performance in retention and graduation rates. Student success is facilitated by a dense network of on-campus resources including consistent advising, a strong first-year program, frequent and meaningful contact with professors, and supportive staff and administrators.

“CSU Stanislaus has 13 nationally accredited programs and is widely recognized for its quality academics. A new state-of-the-art science building opened in 2007 along with a new bookstore in 2008 and student recreation complex in 2009. The campus is widely known as the most beautiful and friendly of the CSU campuses, blending modern facilities with the pastoral charm of the countryside. The campus enjoys an ideal location in the heart of California's Central Valley, a short distance from the San Francisco Bay Area, Monterey, the Sierra Nevada mountains, and Yosemite National Park. The proximity allows for hiking, skiing, snowboarding, kayaking, surfing, and other outdoor sports and activities.

“CSU Stanislaus awarded more than \$24.5 million in merit- and need-based grants and scholarships for the 2008–2009 school year. Approximately 68 percent of freshmen received need-based aid and the average gift aid for the group was \$5,190. Scholarships range from full tuition, board, and books through the President's Scholarship to hundreds of other scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 per school year. The CSU Stanislaus experience can be summed up as providing a small private school atmosphere at a public school price.”

SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	80
# of applicants	4,421
% of applicants accepted	37
% of acceptees attending	60

FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Critical Reading	410–520
Range SAT Math	420–540
Range ACT Composite	17–22
Minimum paper TOEFL	500
Minimum computer TOEFL	173
Minimum web-based TOEFL	61
Average HS GPA	3.2

DEADLINES

Regular	
Priority	11/30
Deadline	11/30
Notification	rolling
Nonfall registration?	yes

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	62
Annual in-state tuition	\$5,242
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$10,170
Room and board	\$8,880
Required fees	\$4,840
Books and supplies	\$1,650
% frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	36
% UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	57
% frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	3
% UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	4
% frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	32
% UG rec. need-based self-help aid	49
% frosh rec. athletic scholarships	2
% UG rec. athletic scholarships	1
% frosh rec. any financial aid	51
% UG rec. any financial aid	67
% UG borrow to pay for school	23
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$17,000