

## CSU Campus and Course Selection Guidelines for 2020-21

The California State University (CSU) is the country’s largest four-year university system with 23 campuses located throughout the state of California offering bachelor and master degree programs in over 350 subject areas. All campuses are open to exchange students although places at some campuses are more competitive. Some subject areas at various campuses are restricted (with limited places) or impacted (oversubscribed) which are closed to exchange students.

Applicants: Read this document carefully as it will provide guidance on selecting appropriate CSU campuses for your degree.

**1. Selecting CSU Campuses for Exchange.** To find campuses that offer a specific subject area of interest, visit the website, <http://degrees.calstate.edu/>. Use the search engine to find which campuses offer a specific subject area **but do not use that website to apply for exchange**. This website is only meant to assist you with finding which campuses offer subject areas of interest. Then, refer to pages 2 and 3 of this document, as well as CSU Campus Profiles on our website, for listings of impacted/closed and restricted/limited subject areas for each campus. Once you have identified possible campus choices, visit the websites of the campus to search for subjects (known as “courses” at the CSU) and their descriptions. More information about subjects can be found at [csuip.calstate.edu](http://csuip.calstate.edu) under “Study at the CSU” and “CSU Subject/Course Information”.

Since some campuses are more competitive than others, campuses have been placed in three groups:

Green Group	Blue Group	Red Group
Bakersfield, Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Humboldt, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos, Sonoma and Stanislaus.  These campuses are the least competitive.	Channel Islands, Fullerton, and Maritime Academy  These campuses are moderately competitive.	Long Beach, Los Angeles, Pomona and San Diego.  These campuses are the most competitive; therefore, you <b>cannot</b> list more than two of these campuses on your application.

Applicants are asked to list one to four campuses on their applications depending on which campus are selected and what they wish to study. See scenarios below. For scenarios A to C, you are encouraged to list an extra campus on your application although this is not required.

**A. You may list one campus on your application if both of the following conditions apply:**

- Your first choice campus is from the **Green Group**.
- You are not taking any subjects that are listed as “restricted” on pages 2 and 3.

**B. You may list two campuses on your application if both of the following conditions apply:**

- Your first choice campus is from the **Blue Group** and your second choice campus is from the **Green Group** or the **Blue Group**.
- You are not taking any subjects that are listed as “restricted” at any campus choice. See pages 2 and 3. If any of the subjects you wish to take are listed as “restricted” at any of your campus choices, go to “C” below.

**C. You must list at least three campuses on your application if any of the following conditions apply:**

- One campus is from the **Red Group** regardless of campus preference;
- Two campuses are from the **Blue Group** regardless of campus preference;
- One campus is from the **Red Group** and one is from the **Blue Group** regardless of campus preference;
- You have listed subjects that are listed as “restricted” at any of your campus choices. See pages 2 and 3.

**D. You must list four campuses if the following condition applies:**

- Two of your campus choices are from the **Red Group** regardless of how you ranked the campuses on your application. You must not list more than two campuses from the **Red Group**. Remaining campus choices must be from other groups of which one must be from the **Green Group**.

**IMPORTANT:** You should be prepared to attend any of the campuses listed on your application. While we make every effort to place students at their top campus choices, this cannot be guaranteed due to limited and/or competitive places at some campuses, impacted/closed (oversubscribed), or restricted/limited subject areas and other factors, e.g. academic match. Note that impacted and restricted subject areas can change at any time. In the event that the campus cannot accept a student’s application for any reason, we will contact the student’s home university exchange coordinator to discuss another suitable campus. For this reason, we advise that you have alternate choices already selected to expedite your application in the event that this occurs.

**2. Selecting Subjects.** It is important that you list at least eight subjects (courses) that you are interested in taking for each of your campus choices. Applications without eight subjects listed will not be processed. Check that you meet prerequisites for the subject by referring to

the “catalog” or “bulletin” for the campus (found on the campus website). Students can be prevented from taking a subject if they do not have the appropriate academic background. Note that detailed syllabi are generally not available before the first day of class for the term that you are applying. Also note that courses listed on an application does not guarantee access to those subjects. Therefore it is critical that you are flexible with selection of subjects.

**3. Business Students.** Applicants who wish to study business at the CSU as an exchange student 1) must have successfully completed the equivalent of one semester’s worth of business subjects based on full time studies, 2) must be enrolled in a business degree program at their home institution, and 3) must meet subject prerequisites for subjects listed on their application.

Business students must carefully review the list of available subject areas in the section below entitled “Impacted/Closed and Restricted Subject Areas”. Note that business places are very competitive and places at some campuses are extremely limited. Students should plan to take subjects outside of business to supplement their studies in case business subjects are unavailable.

Campuses that are available to business exchange students include Bakersfield, Chico, Dominguez Hills, Humboldt, Monterey Bay, Pomona, Sacramento, San Bernardino, and Stanislaus. Business students should avoid selecting more than one campus that lists business subjects as “Restricted” since there are limited offerings in business subjects for exchange students. Restricted campuses include East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos and Sonoma. Note that the Channel Islands, Los Angeles, Northridge and San Marcos campuses are not accepting business exchange students.

Applications from graduate/postgraduate business students who wish to enroll in graduate level business subjects are not accepted for exchange. Graduate/postgraduate students are welcome to apply for exchange if they agree to an undergraduate placement and take only undergraduate courses.

**4. Graduate (Postgraduate) Students.** Applications from graduate students are permitted as long as students are willing to accept an undergraduate placement, select only undergraduate courses on page 2 of the application, and are flexible about their campus choice. Graduate places are based on reciprocity and considered on a case by case basis - subject to restrictions. Students are advised to consult the exchange coordinator at their home university for more information. Note: Not all campuses accept graduate students and it may not be possible for graduate students seeking an undergraduate placement to be placed at certain campuses (e.g. San Diego).

**5. Selecting Subjects at the CSU: Impacted/Closed and Restricted Subject Areas.** The following table lists impacted/closed and restricted subject areas for each campus. Campuses must **not** be listed on an application if the subject area is listed in the “Impacted (Closed) Subject Area” column. Campuses accept a limited number of applications in certain fields, which are listed below under “Restricted Subject Areas” as subject offerings can be limited. Applicants who are selected to attend a campus where there are impacted/closed disciplines will not be permitted to enroll in subjects from those impacted/closed disciplines. Students should only list subjects in which prerequisites have been met. Subjects labeled under “Extended Education” are closed to exchange students regardless of the campus. Note: The list below is subject to change without notice.

CSU Campus	Impacted (Closed) Subject Areas (Subject areas which are closed to exchange students)	Restricted Subject Areas (limited number of applications are accepted)
<b>Bakersfield</b>	Education (all areas); Nursing (NURS)	Currently there are no restricted areas
<b>Channel Islands</b>	Business (BUS, FIN, MGT, MKT); Computer Engineering (COMP); Nursing (NRS)	Currently there are no restricted areas
<b>Chico</b>	Music-Recording Arts (MUSC); Nursing (NURS)	Interior Design (IDES)
<b>Dominguez Hills</b>	Clinical Science (CLS); Education/Counselling (all areas); Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS): Nursing (BSN); Social Work (graduate program); Special Education (SPE); Teacher Education (TED); all Extended Education, Certificate and Credential Programs	Music (MUS)
<b>East Bay</b>	Art/Graphic Design (ART); Dance (DANC); Education (EDUC); Hospitality Management (HOS); Music (MUS); Nursing (NURS); Recreation (REC).	Business (ACCT, ENTR, FIN, MGMT, MKTG); Psychology (PSYC); Studio Art (ART)
<b>Fresno</b>	Education (EDU); Nursing (NURS)	Business (ACCT, BA, BUS, FIN, HRM, IS, MGT, MKTG)
<b>Fullerton</b>	Education (all areas); Music (MUS); Nursing (clinical courses) (NURS)	Arts/Graphic Design (ART); Business Administration (ACCT, BUAD, FIN, MGT, ISDS, MKTG); Cinema and Television Arts (CTVA); Communications (COMM); Engineering (ECS); Nursing (non-clinical lecture courses) (NURS); Theatre (THTR). Students interested in taking subjects in these areas must plan to take subjects outside of these areas to supplement their studies.

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<b>Humboldt</b>	Education (EDL, EED, SED)	Students interested in study Biology (BIOL), Botany (BOT), Wildlife (WDLF), Zoology (ZOOL), Environmental Science & Management (ESM), and Social Work (SW) must meet prerequisites. More information can be found online here: <a href="https://admissions.humboldt.edu/apply/impaction#fall19">https://admissions.humboldt.edu/apply/impaction#fall19</a> .
<b>Long Beach</b>	Athletics (ATHL); Education (all areas); Film and Electronic Arts (FEA); Nursing (NRSNG); Social Work (SW).	Biological Sciences (BIOL); Business (ACCT, CBA, MGMT, MKTG, FIN, HRM, IS); Chemistry/Biochemistry (CHEM); Child Development and Family Studies (CDFG); Fashion Merchandising and Design (FMD); Fine Arts/Graphic Design (ART); Fine Arts/Interior Design (DESN); Industrial Design (DESN); Journalism (JOUR); Linguistics (LING); Music (MUS); Nutrition and Dietetics (NUTR)
<b>Los Angeles</b>	Business Administration (ACCT, MGMT, MKT) ; Education (all areas); Nursing (NURS)	Biology (BIOL); Criminal Justice (CRIM); Psychology (PSY); Social Work (SW); Television, Film and Media Studies (TVF)
<b>Maritime Academy</b>	Cruise (CRU); Deck Labs (DL); Firefighting (FF); Naval Science (NSC)	This campus is restricted to students who wish to study Global Studies and International Business with demonstrated interest in maritime affairs. Applicants may be subject to an interview on Skype.
<b>Monterey Bay</b>	Nursing (NURS)	Currently there are no restricted areas
<b>Northridge</b>	Business Administration (ACCT, BLAW, BUS, FIN, IS, MGT, MKT SCM, SOM); Cinema and Television Arts (CTVA); Education (all areas); Engineering (all areas: AE, AM, CE, CM, ECE, ME, MSE); Kinesiology (KIN); Music (MUS); Nursing (NURS); Psychology (PSY); Radiological Sciences (HSCI)	Currently there are no restricted areas
<b>Pomona</b>	Architecture (ARC); Communications (COM); Education (all areas); Engineering (ECE, EGR, ME); Graphic Design (ART); Psychology (PSY)	Computer Science (CIS, CS); Music (MU)
<b>Sacramento</b>	Construction Management (CM); Education (EDU); Graphic Design (GPHD); Health Science (HLSC); Interior Design (INTD); Nursing (NURS); Photography (PHOT)	Biological Sciences (BIO); Criminal Justice (CRI); Kinesiology (KINS); Psychology (PSYC)
<b>San Bernardino</b>	Criminal Justice (CJUS); Education (all areas); Kinesiology (KINE); Music (MUS); Nursing (NURS); Social Work (SW)	Currently there are no restricted areas
<b>San Diego</b>	Biology (BIOL); Communication (COMM); Education (EDU); Graphic Design (ART); Journalism (JMS); Nursing (NURS); Television, Film and New Media Production (TFM)	Business (BUS, FIN, MGT, MKT). Business should plan to take courses from non-business areas to supplement their studies.
<b>San Francisco</b>	Apparel/Fashion Design and Merchandising (ADM); Broadcast and Electronic Communication Arts (BECA); Business Management (MGMT); Cinema (CINE); Creative Writing (CW); Design and Industry (DAI); Education (all areas); Dietetics and Food Management (DFM); Health Education (HED); Interior Design (ID); Journalism (JOUR); Nursing (NURS); Social Work (SW); Studio Art (ART)	Business (ACCT, FIN, HTM, IBUS, ISYS, MKTG); Chemistry (CHEM); Kinesiology (KIN); Music (MUS); Psychology (PSY)
<b>San Jose</b>	Education (EDCO); Graphic Design (DSGD); Industrial Design (DSID); Interior Design (DSIT); Nursing (NURS); Occupational Therapy (OCTH)	Business (BUS); Civil Engineering (CEE); Computer Engineering (CMPE); Computer Science (CS); Design Studies (DSGN); Radio-Television-Film (RTVF)
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	Animal Science (ASCI); Agribusiness (AGB); Art and Design (ART); Computer Engineering (CPE); Computer Science (CSC); Music (MUS); Education (EDUC)	Aerospace Engineering (AERO); Architecture (ARCH); Business (BUS); Civil and Environmental Engineering (CE); Communication Studies (COMS); Economics (ECON); Graphic Communications (GRC); Journalism (JOUR); Mechanical Engineering (ME); Psychology (PSY); Wine/Viticulture (WVIT)
<b>San Marcos</b>	Biology (BIOL); Biotechnology (BIOT); Business (ACCT, FIN,); Education (all areas); Kinesiology (KINE); Nursing (NURS)	Biology (BIOL); Biotechnology (BIOT); Business (BUS, GBM, GSCM, MGMT, OM,); Economics (ECON)
<b>Sonoma</b>	Nursing (NURS)	Biology (BIOL); Business (BUS); Communications (COMS); Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies (CCJS); Early Childhood Studies (ECS); Education (selected areas); Human Development (HD); Kinesiology (KIN); Liberal Studies Hutchins (LIBS); Psychology (PSY); Sociology (SOCL)
<b>Stanislaus</b>	Education (all areas); Nursing (NURS)	Currently there are no restricted areas