Experience the Difference
WHERE CAN YOU LEARN science and management at a zoo? Or combine the study of culture, business, and education at a museum? Or learn about the literature of the environment?

At California State University Channel Islands, we’re building a new kind of university and campus for the 21st century — doing things differently and creatively.

Our interdisciplinary programs broaden perspectives and lead to meaningful careers. We’ll take an art class and combine it with math, emphasizing geometric patterns. Or we’ll present a music class in a new light by using computer programs and exploring sound analysis. Or study literature in terms of human psychology.

And we do this in a friendly and caring environment in which students receive special attention in small classes led by faculty who value serving as mentors.

Our programs are designed to make a difference in the lives of students, who, in turn, will make a difference in the world.

“I feel that CSUCI is unique from any other university because it’s a public school with the look and feel of a private one. You simply do not get this kind of attention in any other public university. You are basically getting a private school education for the price of a public school education.”

Adnan Khan, CSUCI freshman
“Our service learning program provides students with meaningful interaction with community professionals and professors who share a vision of hopeful excitement ... about critical socioeconomic and environmental issues.”

Christine Popok, CSUCI lecturer in English and business

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

CSUCI students are trained to make a difference in the workplace and in their communities. In our Small Business Institute program, for instance, students gain real-life business experience by serving as consultants to local entrepreneurs. They learn leadership and hone their business skills while helping local businesses to increase their market share and profits.

Our master’s program in biotechnology and bioinformatics creates partnerships with such local industry leaders as Amgen and BioSource International. Students obtain the most up-to-date knowledge and, at the same time, make career connections while assisting companies with research and development.

The University is also committed to community. The Cal State Channel Islands civic engagement and service learning program reaches out to local agencies, organizations, and businesses, which provide important social, political, and economic services. Students gain valuable experiences by becoming involved with local and regional issues, preparing them to become positive forces in their communities.


**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**: Undergraduate degrees include art, biology (B.A., B.S.), business, chemistry (B.A., B.S.), computer science, economics, English, environmental science & resource management, history, information technology (offered through Extended Education), liberal studies, mathematics, psychology, sociology, and Spanish, as well as credentials in multiple- and single-subject teaching, special education, and administration.

**Undergraduate degrees in Performing Arts and Political Science are planned for 2006, and in Communication, Early Childhood Studies, and Nursing in 2007.**

**GRADUATE DEGREES**: Master's programs offered through Extended Education are: Master of Business Administration; Administrative Services Credential (M.A., Education); Master of Science in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics; Master of Science in Computer Science; Master of Science in Mathematics; and Master of Social Work.

**ACCREDITATION**: CSUCI is actively pursuing its initial accreditation and has been granted the status of candidate of accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

**LOCATION**: CSU Channel Islands, the first four-year state university in Ventura County, is located midway between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles on a picturesque 670-acre campus at the base of the Santa Monica Mountains. The University is situated in a thriving economic region that features major businesses such as agriculture and biotechnology firms, as well as a number of nonprofit agencies and organizations. In addition, the campus offers easy access to a myriad of rich recreational and cultural offerings.
A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES is an organized source of support for integrative and interdisciplinary approaches to learning — the hallmark of the University.

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS affords students opportunities to study abroad and seeks to infuse the curriculum with global perspectives.

LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE provides educational and enrichment opportunities for local residents who are 50 years of age or older.

SMALL BUSINESS INSTITUTE provides students with real-life experiences in the field and, at the same time, provides local businesses with valuable advice and services.

CSUCI’S ECONOMIC IMPACT: California State University is a significant contributor to the economic well-being of Ventura County as well as the entire Central Coast region. According to 2002-03 data, the state invested $35 million in CSUCI. Thus, for every $1 invested, the regional economy was enhanced by $3.05, which generated a total impact of more than $107 million. This impact sustained 2,100 jobs in the region, and generated nearly $5.4 million per year in tax revenue. Correspondingly, the region’s economy will continue to reflect the growth and development of the University in the years to come.

“CSUCI’s interdisciplinary approach offers students a rich and meaningful educational experience. Our students discover new connections, insights, and perspectives. They emerge with an ability to imagine, to think critically, to see the world in new ways, and to find solutions to problems. That’s the CSUCI difference.”

Terry Ballman Ph.D., CSUCI professor of Spanish and chair of the Academic Senate
At California State University Channel Islands, students are encouraged to participate in their education by expressing opinions, concerns, and interests. We are led by a President who values and respects the input of students. He and the faculty and staff are all about growth, improvement, and constantly making the most of the challenges of the day.

Our distinguished faculty members have achieved recognition in their teaching and professional service in a variety of settings, bringing to the University new and fresh approaches to learning. They are dedicated and caring, and go out of their way to help students achieve success.

“Serving others is a part of my life much like breathing and eating are: I just have to do it. Volunteering is something you do at your own will. I’ve learned it’s better to do things altruistically because doing so brings greater rewards. At CSUCI, I have realized community involvement is just as important as academic achievement, and I am grateful for its influence.”

Anelieze Zurcher, CSUCI sophomore
In this brochure we have described some of the differences that make CSU Channel Islands so special. At California State University Channel Islands we value differences — differences in people’s backgrounds, culture and economic status, differences in teaching styles and political affiliations. Even strong differences of opinion are all respected and appreciated on this campus. But the one vision all of us at CSU Channel Islands share is a passionate commitment to an education of excellence for our students.

So I encourage you to look through this piece again and to review our Web site for more information on our campus and the beautiful community that surrounds us. Then, I invite you to visit us and to experience the difference at California State University Channel Islands.

President Richard R. Rush
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS MISSION STATEMENT

Placing students at the center of the educational experience, California State University Channel Islands provides undergraduate and graduate education that facilitates learning within and across disciplines through integrative approaches, emphasizes experiential and service learning, and graduates students with multicultural and international perspectives.

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