

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY



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Chicago State University (CSU), the oldest public university in the Chicago metropolitan area, is a fully accredited public institution located in a residential community on the south side of Chicago. It was founded in 1867 as a teacher training school with 13 students from Cook County, and its current enrollment stands at about 7,250 students from the United States and throughout the world. The president is CEO and is responsible for providing leadership and vision for the 21st century in the administration of campus initiatives and policies. The president reports to the institution's eight-member Board of Trustees, which includes seven members appointed by the Governor and one student representative elected by the CSU student body.

The university boasts an academic program that encompasses four colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Health Sciences; and offers 34 undergraduate, 22 graduate degree-granting programs and its first doctoral program — the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. In addition, the Division of Continuing Education and Nontraditional Programs reaches out to the community with extension courses, distance learning and not-for-credit programs. As an engaged institution working with and for the community, Chicago State University also provides for the varied needs of the myriad constituencies it serves within and beyond the state as well. Specifically, the university offers academically rigorous day and evening course schedules, international programming, and addresses the specific needs of minorities and older, nontraditional populations.

Chicago State University has long enjoyed a reputation as the institution of choice for traditional and nontraditional populations. With leadership from its 350 faculty members, the university has an effective academic support system that helps students graduate, enter the nation's most competitive graduate and professional schools and achieve their career goals. CSU's rigorous academic programming in the arts, sciences and education has counted such luminaries as the late Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks and has enjoyed a long-term relationship with the Chicago Public Schools System. These and all other university programs challenge students to achieve their personal pinnacles in the intellectual domain and beyond.

Chicago State University is a leader in efforts to boost minority business ownership in the City of Chicago. The university is a center of programs encouraging minorities to enter fields in which they are currently under-represented, such as science, mathematics and medicine. CSU's new \$51.6 million Greenhouse Science Annex strengthens the university's efforts in training scientists. A new \$20 million student center contains conference facilities, a commons area, auditorium, cafeteria and student lounges.

The campus, which was dedicated in 1971, includes classroom buildings, the Douglas Library, the Robinson University Center, the Williams Science Center, the Cook Administration Building and the Jacoby D. Dickens Physical Education and Athletics Center, which houses three Olympic-size pools and a Nautilus training room. The university has NCAA Division I men's and women's teams in multiple sporting areas, including baseball, golf, tennis, basketball, cross country and track and field.

For 138 years, CSU has served the Chicago metropolitan area. In the new millennium, the university is driven by a collectively defined strategic plan that identifies six strategic goals designed to enhance and expand the university's academic capabilities and outreach potential. With its focused strategic plan and historical commitment to serve and empower, Chicago State University anticipates its most triumphant epoch in the coming years.

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A view of the Chicago State University campus.