

Chicago State University



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Founded in 1867, Chicago State University (CSU) is Chicago's oldest, fully accredited public university. The university opened its doors as a teacher training school with 13 students. Today, the enrollment is nearly 3,000 with students from throughout the world who are pursuing their educational goals in global industries such as business, pharmacy, health care and education.

CSU's history of adding competitive and knowledgeable experts to the global workforce is a tradition. The university is committed to graduating responsible, effective leaders of social change and citizens who are ready to contribute to society with a solid foundation of values and principles that are taught at the university.

The university boasts an academy encompassing five colleges that offer 34 undergraduate, 25 master's programs and two doctoral degree programs. CSU also hosts an interdisciplinary Honors College for students in all areas of study. The Division of Continuing Education and Non-Traditional Programs provides extension courses, distance learning and not-for-credit programs. University programs challenge students to achieve their personal pinnacles intellectually and beyond.

For nearly 150 years, CSU has served the Chicago metropolitan area as an engaged institution, working with and for the community. The university provides for the varied needs of its students. Specifically, the university offers day and evening course schedules and international programming and addresses the specific demands of minorities and older, nontraditional students. As a result, CSU has a reputation as the institution of choice for traditional and nontraditional students. With leadership from nearly 260 faculty members, the university has an effective academic support system that helps students graduate and enter the nation's most competitive graduate and professional schools. The goal of CSU is to enable students to achieve their career aspirations.

The campus includes the Gwendolyn Brooks Academic Library, which was dedicated in 1971 and recently named in 2018; the Emil & Patricia A. Jones Convocation Center; the Williams Science Center; the Cook Administration Building; the Education Building; the Douglas Hall Building; the Business, Health and Science Building; the Harold Washington Hall Building; the Cordell Reed Student Union; the Residence Life; and the Jacoby D. Dickens Physical Education and Athletics Center.

The Chicago State University Cougars are a member of the Western Athletic Conference with 15 NCAA Division I men's and women's teams including baseball, volleyball, golf, tennis, soccer, basketball, and track and field. The president of the university is also the CEO, responsible for providing leadership and vision for the 21st century in the administration of campus initiatives and policies. The president reports to the university's eight-member Board of Trustees, all of whom are appointed by the Governor (excluding the student representative).

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