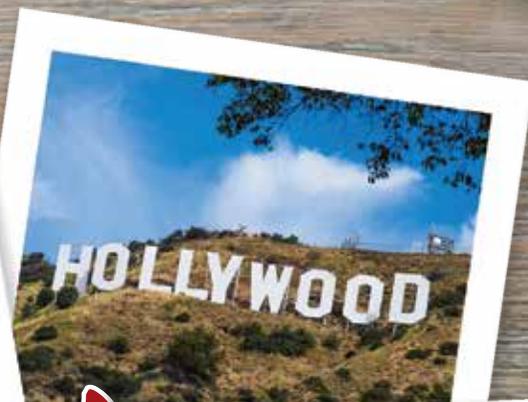


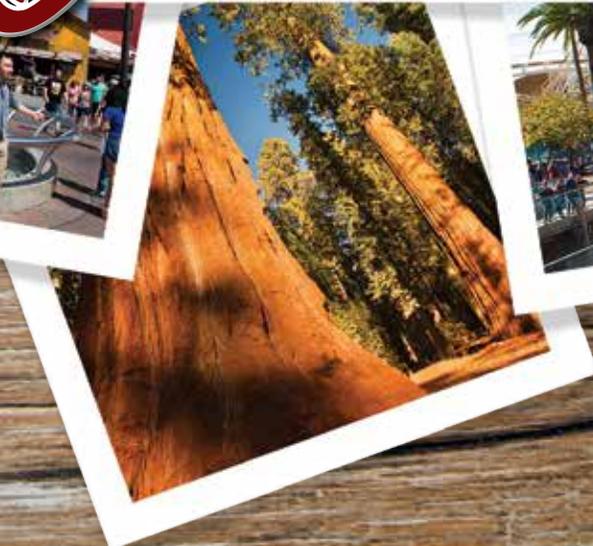
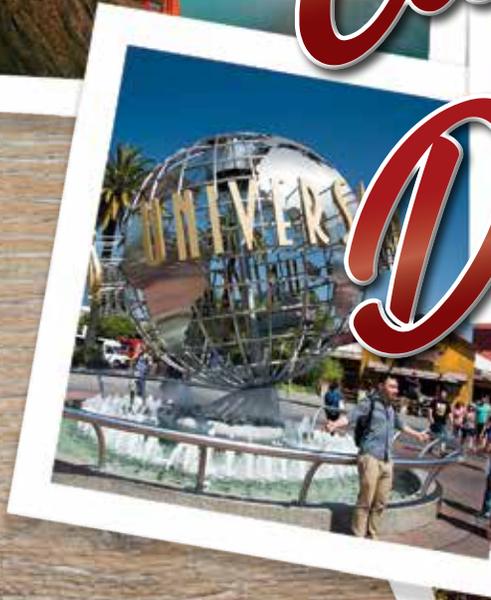
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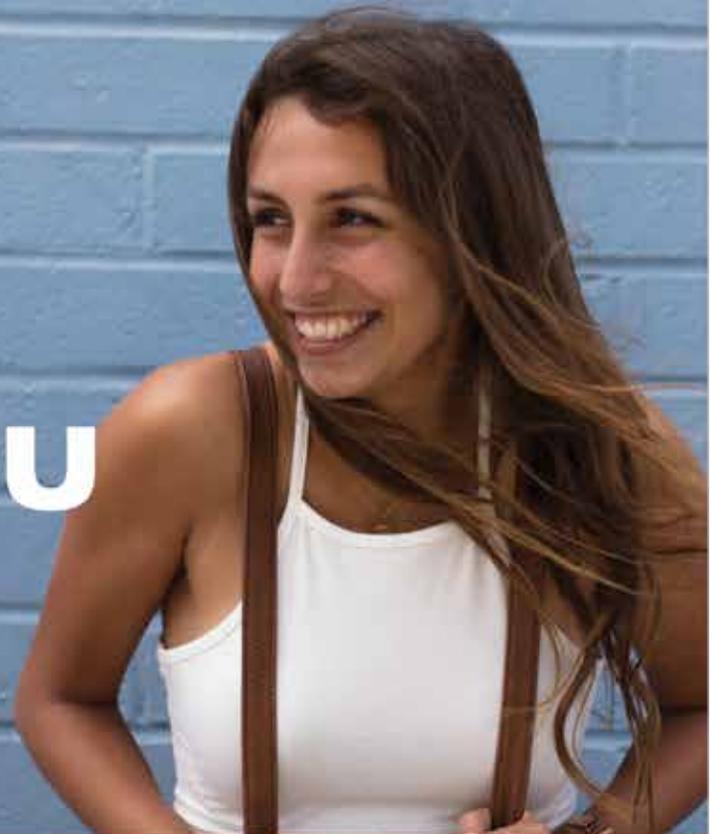
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Important to note is that many of these incentives awarded will help to cover costs such as education tuition, books and basic living expenses, they do not allow for added expenses such as travel or medical insurance.

When reviewing applications, colleges and universities will take into consideration the student's ability to self-support, and whether or not personal savings or family's ability to contribute are likely. This information should be included thoroughly, and as accurately as possible. In most instances, the primary source of funding for students is through their parents, or student or in some cases, personal loans. While both of these are available sources of funding



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for students, it's important to note that student loan payments can be deferred until studies have been completed; this allows for the student to gain employment first, rather than worrying about the repayment of debt while focusing on an education. Personal loans, however, require that the repayment of the debt begin immediately and this quite often, may lead to added stress that will distract from studies. Students should be aware of the differences when determining which options they're best suited for. **CB**



### Online Resources

There are many other funding resources available to Canadian students that are seeking scholarships and grants when considering post-secondary studies in the United States – several of which can be accessed by a simple online search. Both the federal and provincial levels of government may offer funding to students who wish to study in the United States. Scholarships will be available for different areas of study and only those enrolled in the specific program may qualify so be sure students select the appropriate one to apply for.



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*Over a million international students will start or continue studies in the U.S. this year. If you are one of these students, it is important to understand the nonimmigrant visa policies and procedures as they continue to change. Recently, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, issued a revision to a policy that could impact you. Keep reading to see what you need to know about this policy.*



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## What Is the New Visa Policy?

Updates to regulation 8 CFR 103.2(b)(8) will take effect on September 11, 2018, but what exactly is this regulation? In short, this is the regulation that determines the criteria for USCIS to issue a Request for Evidence (RFE) or Notice of Intent to Deny (NOID) if you do not provide all the necessary visa information up front. In addition, the new policy memo<sup>1</sup> gives the USCIS adjudicator “full discretion to deny applications, petitions, or requests” without requesting additional evidence.

*This means that it is important to get your visa application right the first time, and to include all of the necessary information and documents upon filing.*

## How Will the New Visa Policy Affect International Students?

For F-1 student visa applicants and visa holders, the policy could have an impact at the initial visa interview. You could also be affected if you are applying for:

- Work authorization based on economic hardship: If you are experiencing extreme economic hardship, you may apply to USCIS for authorization to work off campus.
- Reinstatement: If you allow your F-1 visa to become out-of-status, then you must apply for reinstatement to regain valid status.

## What Can International Students Do to Be Prepared for This New Policy?

Being prepared and diligent is the key to successfully obtaining and maintaining your visa. At the initial visa interview, the officer will consider the following points to determine visa approval:

- **Do you have an original, signed Form I-20 issued by an educational institution in the United States?**

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• **Do you know why you want to study in the U.S. and why you want to study at the university you selected?**

Come to your interview prepared to explain the reasons or motivation behind why you decided to study in the U.S.

• **Do you have ties to your home country that make the officer confident you will return after you complete your education?**

Providing evidence of your intention to return home is very important. For example, do you own land? Will you take over a family business? Do you have family who count on you to return?

For current F-1 visa holders who find it necessary to apply for a hardship waiver to work off campus, visa reinstatement, or anything else that requires adjudication, completing the application in full and providing all the necessary evidence at the time of application will be key to a successful application. The policy revision clearly states the adjudicator is not required to issue an RFE and can deny your application for incomplete information. Do not let that happen to you!

### Final Tips

Although it is important to stay up-to-date on the changing U.S. immigration policies, do not let this modified policy discourage you. On the contrary, the fact that over one million international students are already studying in the U.S. should inspire you! **CB**

*If you have questions about this new policy, reach out to the U.S. university or college where you intend to study. For additional information, you can visit the following U.S. government websites, which are valuable resources for international students looking to study abroad in the U.S:*

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Study in the States<sup>3</sup>

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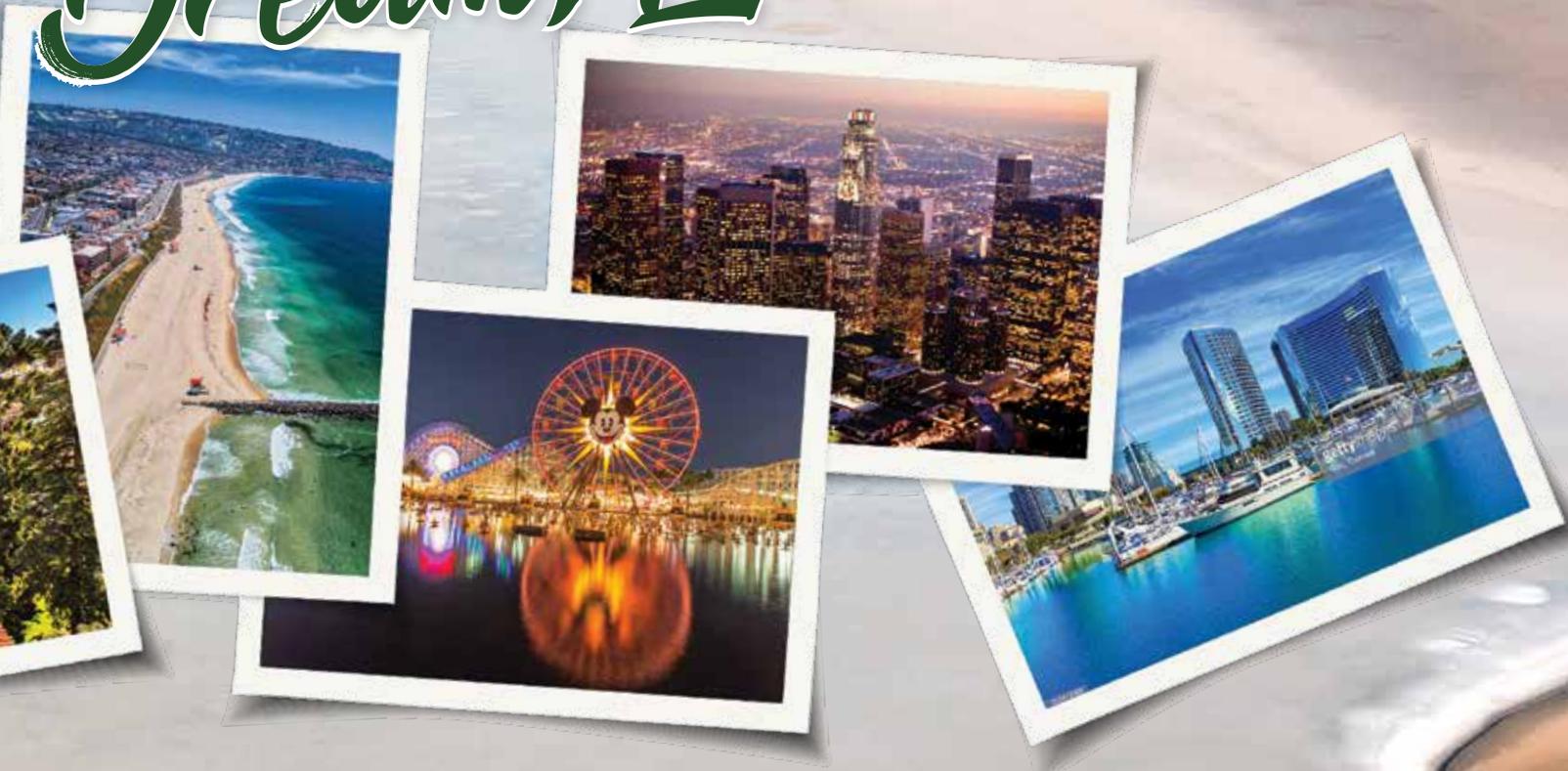


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Out of the more than one million international students studying in the United States, 14.5% or 156,879 study in California. It is the most popular state to study in. For Canadians, California ranks number two, just under New York. This is mostly because California has multiple large metropolis areas, all with a host of strong universities and colleges. In the International Institute of Education's (IIE) Open Doors report 2017, in the list of the "Top 50 metropolitan areas hosting international students," California makes the list six times, with four metro areas in the top 12 (see table 1).

**Table 1: Top 50 Metropolitan Areas Hosting International Students**

Overall rank	California Metro Area	# of institutions	# Int'l students in 2016-17	# of Canadian students
2	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim	68	70,005	1,540
6	San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward	34	27,449	741
11	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara	11	18,044	596
12	San Diego-Carlsbad	18	15,940	Unreported
34	Sacramento-Roseville-Arden-Arcade	7	7,400	Unreported
47	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario	11	5,039	Unreported

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### Understanding Higher Education Options in California

Did you know that there are more than 1,000 higher education institutions in California?! With so many schools to choose from, it is important to understand how they are similar and different from one another. Namely, public vs. private, two-year vs. four-year, and University of California vs. California State University.

### Private Four-Year Universities

Like all private universities in the United States, these schools do not receive any funding from the local tax payers. Therefore, tuition is the same for all students (typically higher than public institutions), and access to scholarships for international students tends to be greater. Private universities tend to have a much smaller student body and campus and may have a historical or current religious

affiliation. There are 158 private universities in California, the most well-known being Stanford University (Palo Alto) and University of Southern California (Los Angeles).

For students interested in small class sizes and a strong liberal arts education, the five Claremont colleges (Claremont McKenna College, Harvey Mudd College, Pitzer College, Pomona College, Scripps College) offer the opportunity to study on a small campus, but to also take classes on any of the other related campuses. Harvey Mudd College is known for its highly focused STEM programs, while Scripps offers a liberal arts curriculum in an all-women's environment. Although these are all "colleges," they offer four-year degree programs. College simply means that it is a smaller environment focused on undergraduate teaching as opposed to a larger research institution.

California also boasts some of the premier technical universities in the world. California Institute of Technology provides strong science and technology training and is also in charge of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Students at CalTech enjoy a 3:1 faculty to student ratio and 95% of student participate in undergraduate research.

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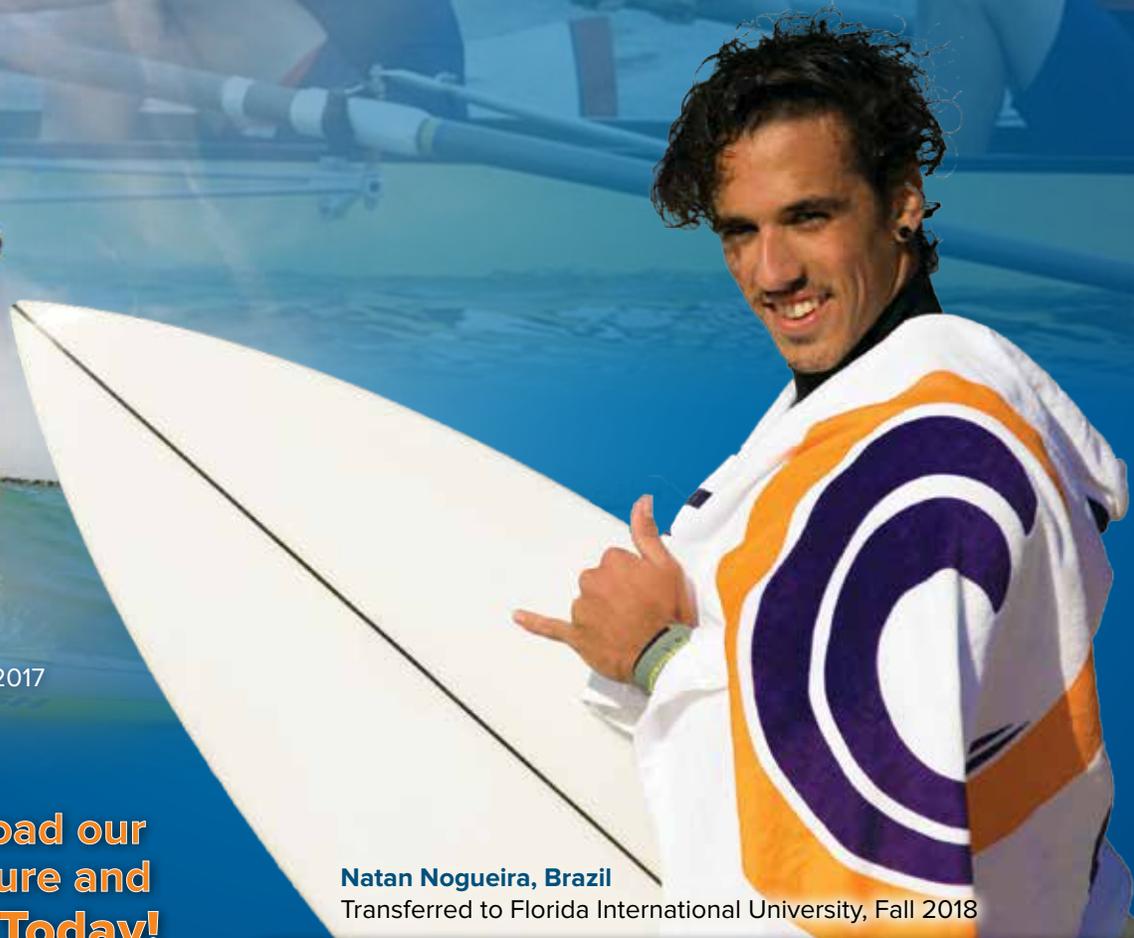
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Additionally, California is widely known for being a hub of the arts. Schools like Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM), Academy of Art University in San Francisco (top arts school international enrolment in the United States with 5,156 students), Otis College of Art and Design, and the Musicians Institute have both a strong art-based curriculum and access to world famous museums, galleries, studios, and film companies. Additionally, graphic designers can intern or use their Optional Practical Training time at Pixar or video game giant Electronic Arts (EA).

## California Public System and 2+2 Transfers

California has three public school systems: the California Community College system, the California State University (CSU) system, and the University of California (UC) system. Community

colleges are all two-year institutions, while the CSU and UC schools are all four-year institutions. The public system is subsidized by the taxpayers and the residents of California have made it a priority to keep community college education low cost and accessible to everyone who has a high school diploma.

Community Colleges have a 2+2 program, called Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG), which guarantees admissions to six of the UC campuses, one CSU campus, and many private and out-of-state campuses. Students are eligible for TAG if they complete a certain set of required classes while maintaining a high GPA (minimums different for each institution). Canadian students who are looking to save money before enrolling in a four-year school will find this route very attractive. Community colleges have small classes, experienced instructors, and guidance counsellors who support students through the transfer process.

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## The California Community College System

There are 114 community colleges spread across California offering both technical degrees and associate degrees for transfer to four-year universities. If your students are looking to take advantage of the TAG program, there are so many options to choose from! The top three California community college destinations for international students are Santa Monica College, De Anza College in Silicon Valley, and Diablo Valley College. These schools are popular because of their large campuses with many resources, large variety of majors and standing as the top transfer colleges in California.

For international students, one of the challenges of two-year colleges is that most do not have on-campus housing available. Only 11 California community colleges have on-campus housing available, none of which are in a major city center. With snow-capped mountains in the background the College of the Siskiyous in Weed (close to the Oregon border) has lodges for their student housing. Sierra College in Rocklin (outside of Sacramento) has dorms for their students and also boasts as one of the top transfer schools in the state.

## The California State University (CSU) System vs. The University of California (UC) System

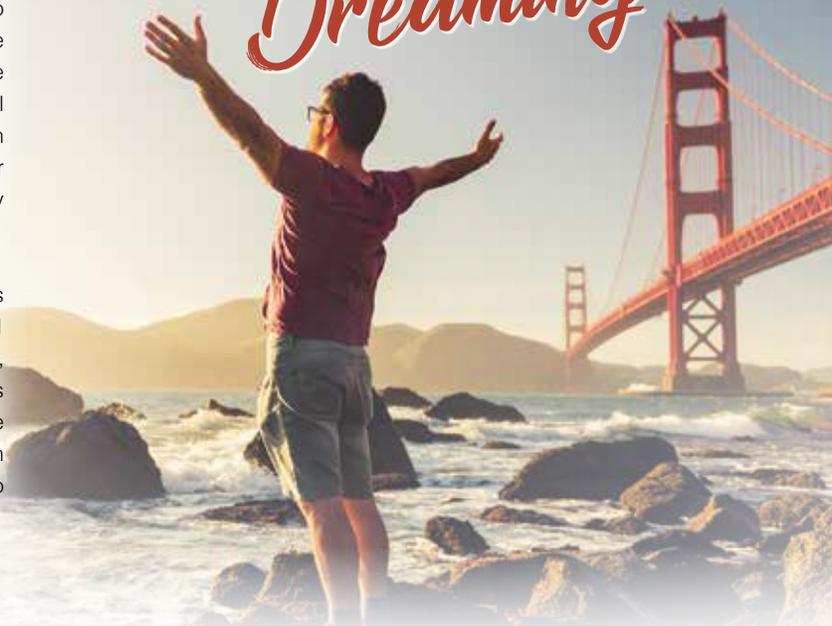
There are 23 CSU campuses and 10 UC campuses that offer four-year degrees across California. While there are some similarities among campuses like having a large diversity of majors available, competitive athletics, Greek life, large student bodies, and hundreds of clubs and activities, there are some main distinctions between the two systems. While research does occur on some of the CSU campuses, the UC system is the main research system in California, and therefore grant PhDs. The CSU institutions can only grant PhDs if they have a joint program with a UC campus. The CSUs do, however, have Bachelor's level nursing programs (BSN) and grant teaching certificates for K-12 teaching, which the UCs do not. So, a student's choice in CSU vs. UC will come down to if they are interested in education centered on research and theory versus education geared toward a specific career orientation.

Although these are both public systems in California, it is difficult to transfer between systems. Those that do choose to transfer, often risk losing many units. For example, if you start your education on a UC campus with the goal of becoming a doctor and then throughout your first years of study realize that you would like to become a nurse, you can attempt to transfer to a CSU, but will likely also need to take an additional year or more of classes, delaying your graduation timeline. Vice versa, it is not advisable to begin studies on a CSU campus with a higher acceptance rate with the goal of transferring to a more selective UC. If the goal is to transfer, start at a community college.

## The Endless Opportunities in California

As of May 2018, California is now the fifth largest economy in the world, surpassing the United Kingdom. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of California is more than \$2.7 trillion. Most of this is generated in the large coastal metropolises: San Francisco,

# California Dreaming



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San Jose, Los Angeles, and San Diego. California's most famous economic exports are technology, entertainment, and agriculture. However, the latest growth spurt was due to large increases in finance, real estate, technology, and manufacturing.

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Street performer and tourists on the star lined Hollywood Walk of Fame on Hollywood Blvd in Los Angeles, CA

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Because of California's overall economic strength and diverse opportunities, and the large number of higher education institutions, there is a university that will fit any student's interest. So, let's dive a little deeper into fields where the opportunities students will be able to pursue are uniquely Californian.

### The Entertainment Industry

In a top 10 list of Global Talent in Global Cities (EY, 2015), both San Francisco and Los Angeles make the cut. The only other American city to make the list is New York (#1). For aspiring actors, directors, songwriters, composers, designers, and artists of any stripe, California is truly the place to be. Hollywood is the oldest filmmaking center in the world, and still generates the highest box office dollars. With its numerous television and film studio lots, the greater Los Angeles area is the place for students aspiring to work in the tv/film industry. Many of the universities in this region have become the top destinations for these students. The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Theater, Film, and Television, and the University of Southern California (USC) School of Cinematics Arts consistently top lists as premier schools for actors and directors to get their starts. If you are looking for a more hands-on experience in production, Chapman University's Dodge College is designed for industry exposure.

There are so many careers that work adjacent to the film industry as well, whether that is engineering for set design, law for the

entertainment industry, or small businesses like catering or events management. According to Pret-a-Reporter, if you want to get into costume design, CalArts in Valencia is a great choice. CalArts is where legendary Bob Mackie started and it offers both a BFA and MFA in Costume Design. If you are interested in sound production, you can consider enrolling in a community college. Many community colleges, like Ohlone College in Fremont, offer the opportunity to get started on your career path in just two years. Ohlone offers six concentrations in Entertainment and Design Technology and is located just outside of San Francisco

### The Tech Hub

Every aspiring Computer Science major knows that Silicon Valley is the hub of tech innovation, and offers limitless opportunities as a future programmer. Facebook's headquarters is just down the street from Stanford University, making their already selective admissions process, very exclusive for interested tech entrepreneurs. Beyond Stanford, international students look to San Jose State University (SJSU), the local CSU, for great computer science programs and connections to the local tech companies. This is a main reason that SJSU has the highest number of international students (5,235) of any university that grants Master's degrees.

It is no surprise that students want to get to California to get their foot in the door for tech companies, whether they are Computer Science major or in any other field that is needed to run a company, like Business

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Business Insider published a list of the **top 20 universities** with the most alumni at Google, with seven California schools making the list:

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University of California, Berkeley

**5**  
University of California, Los Angeles

**11**  
San Jose State University

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University of California, San Diego

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Administration, Human Resources, and Facilities Operations, to name a few. Business Insider published a list of the top 20 universities with the most alumni at Google, with seven California schools making the list: (1) Stanford University; (2) University of California, Berkeley; (5) University of California, Los Angeles; (11) San Jose State University; (14) University of California, San Diego; (15) University of Southern California; (18) University of California, Davis.

**Agricultural Advancement**

It is easy to think of California as the land of cities and surf, but it is important to remember that the middle of state is filled with approximately 43 millions of acres of farmland. Because of this, many Californian universities are on the forefront of agricultural studies and technology. When University of California, Davis was founded in 1905, it was the agricultural branch of the Berkeley campus. More than 100 years later, UCD maintains its strong agricultural roots. The campus has 5,500 acres due to the experimental farms and animal barns on campus. The College of Agricultural and Environment Sciences has 31 majors to choose from including Viticulture and Enology (winemaking), International Agricultural Development, and Hydrology.

In the central valley, nestled in California's farmland, students can also consider University of California, Merced. Almost one quarter of UC Merced's students major in Biological Sciences, preparing them for a career working with agriculture or human health services. California State University, Stanislaus in Turlock has an interdisciplinary

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“If you enroll at **Pepperdine University; University of California, Santa Barbara; or California State University, Monterey Bay**, the ocean will literally be in your backyard. Because these schools are nestled tightly on the Pacific shore, they also have **phenomenal opportunities** for students interested in pursuing **careers related to the ocean.**”



*A beautiful beach on the coast of the Pacific Ocean in Santa Barbara, California.*

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Agriculture program within their College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The goal of this unique major is to better inform students about the workings of the agricultural industry from a Humanities perspective. Lastly, students can gain direct career experience at a community college while taking advantage of college’s neighboring industry. For example, Napa Community College has degrees in Viticulture and Winery Technology, while Shasta College in Redding has degrees in Watershed Restoration and Livestock Quality Assurance.

### Understanding the Pacific Ocean

California has access to one of nature’s most beautiful playgrounds: the Pacific Ocean. If you enroll at Pepperdine University; University

of California, Santa Barbara; or California State University, Monterey Bay, the ocean will literally be in your backyard. Because these schools are nestled tightly on the Pacific shore, they also have phenomenal opportunities for students interested in pursuing careers related to the ocean.

California State University, Monterey Bay, located down the street from the famous Monterey Bay aquarium, has a reputable array of Natural Science majors, including Marine Science and many Environmental Science options. Students have the opportunity to work within labs such as the Marine Landscape Ecology Lab or the Seafloor Mapping Lab. If you want to get credit while wearing scuba gear, you can also join the Research Diving Program!

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**Table 2: Universities With The Highest Percentage of Hispanic Students**

Rank	University	City	Percentage Hispanic	Number of Hispanic students
8	California State University, Los Angeles	Los Angeles	64	15,380
9	Mount Saint Mary's University	Los Angeles	62.9	1,754
10	California State University, San Bernardino	San Bernardino	62.6	11,736

If you truly are just looking for the ocean to be your playground, San Diego State University gives one credit for courses like surfing, sailing, windsurfing, wakeboarding, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, and stand up paddle board yoga through the Mission Bay Aquatic Center. That is the essence of California dreaming!

### U.S.-Mexico Relations

The U.S.-Mexico border is an important region to understand politically, economically, and socially. There are many universities in California with majors, study abroad programs, or cultural experiences that give students a better understanding of U.S.-Mexican relationships and Latinx heritage. University of California, Irvine highly encourages their Chicano/Latino

Studies majors to study abroad for a semester. They can apply to any program available through the UC Education Abroad Program, which includes countries throughout most of Latin America and Spain.

Beyond Chicano Studies majors and opportunities for short academic trips to Mexico, aside from Texas, California has some of the campuses with the highest concentrations of Latino students (see chart). For students who have Latin heritage or are interested in learning more about Latino culture, these campuses are an amazing place to do so. For example, California State University, Los Angeles just celebrated its 50th anniversary of its Chicano Studies department during the 2018 Conference on Chicano History, a colloquia open to the public. **CB**



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By Esther Wegner

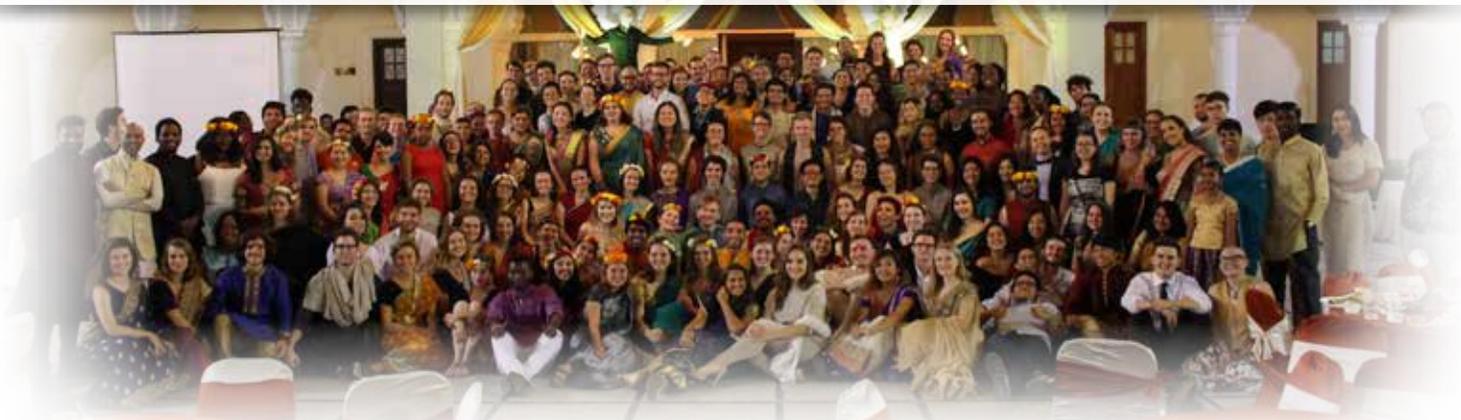


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**Ciao! My name is Esther Wegner, and I just finished my third year at Minerva, a unique four-year undergraduate experience. I grew up in Cecil Lake, a small town near Fort St. John in northern British Columbia. Not a lot of people there go to university or move very far away. In fact, studying in the United States or abroad never seemed like an option to me — I did not even know anyone who went to university outside of Canada. Despite an interest in attaining a global perspective, I only applied to universities close to me. After a year in BC though, I ended up across the border and eventually around the world!**

My first year of university was at Quest University Canada, a liberal arts school in Squamish, BC, a small town close to Vancouver. I had a great experience at Quest, but rarely left campus, except to explore the surrounding mountains and nature. I began to feel like my education was happening in a bubble without real-world context. At the same time, I learned about Minerva, a globally-focused university intentionally designed to give students an immersive, 21st century education in terms of classes, campus, and classmates. It was easy to apply because — unlike most U.S. institutions — Minerva doesn't accept SAT or ACT scores, so I did not have to take standardized tests to be considered.

*"I believe the purpose of education is to gain broader understanding, and leaving your comfort zone is essential to that. Going abroad will push you to engage with people you would not normally, and allow you to take advantage of new opportunities."*



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Leaving Canada and transferring to Minerva was a difficult decision, but I knew it was a chance to leave my previous campus "bubble" and explore new places and ideas. Our student body is from 37 different countries, and 80% of us are from outside the United States. Instead of being isolated from the wider world, we live and study in seven global cities over the course of our degree. My first year started in San Francisco. Followed by Seoul, Korea; Hyderabad, India; Berlin, Germany; Buenos Aires, Argentina; London, UK; and Taipei, Taiwan.

Studying outside of Canada, and at Minerva in particular, has expanded and diversified my world in so many ways. Being in a different country — especially in a city as diverse as San Francisco — has allowed me to interact with a wide variety of people and given me new perspectives. I have experienced different geography, cultures, transit, and urban life, which would not have been possible in Canada, all condensed into one city.

San Francisco has a lot of free or student-discounted events, so when I was there I went to panels, discussions, slam poetry nights, the symphony, museums, bookstores, parks, technology and networking events, and more. Along the way, living with different classmates who are not Canadian allows for many interesting conversations and insights into other countries. Topics ranging from the education system in the United Kingdom, Portuguese politics, tech start-ups in East Africa, and China's one-child policy are discussed daily, constantly challenging my worldview.

Ultimately, I decided to go abroad because I wanted exposure to different perspectives. I believe the purpose of education is to gain broader understanding, and leaving your comfort zone is essential to that. Going abroad will push you to engage with people you would not normally, and allow you to take advantage of new opportunities.

Compared to Canada, there is greater diversity of educational options in the United States. Don't let perceived barriers stop you from attending! Scholarships and financial aid are available, making higher education institutions in the United States as affordable as Canadian public universities. Talk to guidance counselors or anyone who has been abroad, and take the time to do online research. Who knows where a quick Google search will take you? **.CB**

*Note: this was written two years ago after Esther's first year at Minerva. She is currently in Berlin, Germany.*

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**About Us**

Biola University is a nationally ranked Christian university in the heart of Southern California. Founded in 1908, Biola offers biblically centered education, intentional spiritual development and vocational preparation in a unique learning community where all faculty, staff and students are professing Christians. Biola is consistently ranked among the nation’s foremost Christian universities, and was recently recognized as one of America’s top 10 “up and coming” national universities by U.S. News & World Report. Biola’s nine schools offer more than 150 academic programs at the bachelor’s through doctoral levels, enrolling over 6,000 students in La Mirada, online, and in distance programs worldwide. Biola’s 95-acre campus in La Mirada is less than 25 miles from beaches, Disneyland, Hollywood and other iconic Southern California locations. Biola is home to the world-leading Torrey Honors Institute—a classically-based honors program with fully-doctored academic mentors.

**General Information**

**School Type:** Private  
**Total Enrollment:** 6172  
**Academic Calendar:** Semester / Trimester  
**Setting:** Suburb

**Academic Life**

**Average Class size:** 10-19  
**Student / Faculty Ratio:** 15:1  
**Graduation Rate:** 73%  
**Summary – Student Life:** 6172 **M** 44% / **F** 56%

**Application Process: Summary**

Biola offers rolling admissions. The regular application deadline is March 1st. There is an application fee of \$45, but all applications completed before November 15th are free. Submit your application by November 15th to receive your admissions decision by January 15th. Applications submitted by January 15th will receive a decision by February 15th. Applications submitted after March 1st are processed as space and time allow. Apply to Biola University at [biola.edu/apply](http://biola.edu/apply).

**Average Annual Cost & Financial Aid For Canadian Students**

**Availability of Aid:** Qualify for academic & athletic scholarships, grants, & other aid. Avg. costs exclude aid.

**Tuition / Fees:** USD \$40,488      **Books & Fees:** USD \$200-\$500      **Room / Board:** USD \$10,730

**Additional Information**

69% of students receive financial aid and the average aid award is \$21,518. Biola has a Global Student Program and Development office to support more than 600 students from 20+ countries. Biola's athletics programs compete in NCAA Division II. Biola opened the Alton & Lydia Lim Center for Science, Technology and Health in 2018—a new, state of the art STEM facility designed with scientific research and collaboration in mind. Biola's School of Cinema and Media Arts was also listed on Variety Magazine's 2018 list of top 40 film schools. The Crowell School of Business hosts an annual Startup Competition where students from any major can present a business concept and compete for capital.





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## About Us

Founded in 1908, James Madison University is a public university located in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. Our picturesque campus is within walking distance of downtown Harrisonburg and only a two-hour drive from Washington, D.C.

More than 160 degree programs are offered on campus, including Engineering, Fine and Performing Arts, Education, Business, and Nursing. Students quickly embrace JMU's academic culture that allows them to weave their individuality into the fabric of a caring, motivated community of learners.

Highlights:

- 91% freshman retention rate (national average is 78%)
- 98% of JMU classes are taught by professors
- 80% of JMU students do undergraduate research, an internship, a practicum and/or student teach
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At JMU, we believe success is equal parts intellect and action. We know that active minds thrive, particularly in a setting that fosters learning, collaboration and independent thinking.

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## General Information

<b>School Type:</b>	Public
<b>Total Enrollment:</b>	22,686
<b>Academic Calendar:</b>	Semester
<b>Setting:</b>	Small Urban

## Academic Life

<b>Average Class size:</b>	29
<b>Student / Faculty Ratio:</b>	16:1
<b>Graduation Rate:</b>	82%
<b>Summary – Student Life:</b>	1,000 M 400 F 600

## Application Process: Summary

JMU's application deadline for international students is April 1. All application materials must be received by this date (application, transcripts, etc.). The application fee is \$70. For further details, go to [jmu.edu/admissions/apply](http://jmu.edu/admissions/apply)

## Average Annual Cost & Financial Aid For Canadian Students

**Availability of Aid:** Scholarships available

**Tuition / Fees:** \$28,416/year

**Books & Fees:** N/A

**Room / Board:** \$10,092

## Additional Information

At JMU, student success and well-being is a priority. We provide an on-campus health center, a counseling and wellness center, a state-of-the-art 247,000 square foot University Recreation center, tutoring services and academic support, and disability support services to meet the wide variety of needs students may have.

Our students are actively involved on campus and in the surrounding communities through a vast array of more than 350 student clubs and organizations.

- 1,300 events were hosted on campus in 2017-18, including one of the country's top Relay for Life events, concerts, speakers and more
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**About Us**

Green River College was founded in 1965 and is a 2-year public college located just 45 minutes south of Seattle in Auburn, Washington. We have an award-winning international programs office and are a leader in university transfer, with students transferring from Green River to top schools across the US and Canada such as the University of British Columbia, University of Toronto, University of Michigan, UC – Berkley and University of Washington.

Students are assigned to advisors who specialize in specific majors, allowing them to help students develop an educational plan that best prepares them to successfully transfer to their chosen university. Green River also boasts the largest international student transfer fair in Washington, with over 100 universities visiting the campus twice a year to speak with students about degrees, scholarships, housing, and admission requirements.

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With over 65 countries represented, Green River is a diverse campus full of unique experiences and viewpoints. Time.com even ranked Green River as the most diversified school in the United States. The large, wooded campus is a great place to study and as we like to say, "You can go anywhere from here". Visit our homepage at [www.greenriver.edu/international/](http://www.greenriver.edu/international/) to take a virtual tour of our campus.

**General Information**

**School Type:** Public, 2 year  
**Total Enrollment:** 8,000 total, 1,600 international  
**Academic Calendar:** Quarter System  
**Setting:** Suburban

**Academic Life**

**Average Class size:** 22  
**Student / Faculty Ratio:** 23:1  
**Graduation Rate:** N/A  
**Summary – Student Life:** Male 50% / Female 50%

**Application Process: Summary**

The application process at Green River is easy! No SAT, ACT or TOEFL tests required. Students can decide when to begin their studies with four enrollment periods (Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer). Prospective students must be 16 years old and need to complete our online application, provide all documents required to qualify for an F-1 student visa, and pay the \$50 application fee. The most up-to-date application information can be found on our website: [www.greenriver.edu/international/admissions/](http://www.greenriver.edu/international/admissions/)

**Additional Information**

The student life opportunities at Green River are amazing! Students can join any number of organized activities every quarter, including day hikes in the Cascade or Olympic Mountains, camping overnight on ocean beaches, seeing Broadway shows and musicals, 5k fun runs, watching professional sports teams such as the Mariners and Sounders, going to concerts such as Maroon 5, and many volunteer opportunities in the local community.

Many of our international students get involved on campus as volunteers, peer mentors, and in student government. In fact, international students have been student body president the past 3 years. These opportunities help our students develop into well-rounded scholarship and university transfer applicants.

We also offer on-campus apartments with wifi and utilities included for over 340 students and homestays for over 400 students. Both are coordinated through our International Programs office making the application and placement quick and easy.



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**About Us**

The University of Toledo, established in 1872, is a diverse, public metropolitan research university in northwest Ohio. The University is home to more than 20,000 students, including 1,800+ international students from over 80 countries. UToledo offers 120+ undergraduate programs and 150+ graduate programs across 13 colleges including business, education, engineering, law, medicine, nursing and pharmacy.

The University of Toledo is a place where your natural strengths can develop into knowledge and expertise. Enjoy the confidence of knowing that you will be learning from leaders in your chosen field, and that an incredible range of experiences are available to support your educational journey.

**University of Toledo Distinctions:**

- Ranked among the world’s top research universities (Times Higher Education)
- Faculty have received more than \$45 million in research grants and contracts in 2018.
- College of Engineering is listed as one of best co-op programs in the world (World Association for Cooperative Education)
- Ranked among the top 100 universities in the world for patents issued in 2017 (National Academy of Inventors)
- Astronomy and Astrophysics; Solar Energy, Water Quality, Sustainable Technologies; and Cell Architecture and Dynamics are recognized areas of research excellence
- The College of Business and Innovation achieved a 93 percent job placement rate, and its professional sales program has been named one of the best university sales programs in the world (DePaul University’s Center for Sales Leadership).
- One of the most comprehensive undergraduate pharmacy science programs in the U.S., including the only bachelor’s degree program in Cosmetic Science and Formulation Design in the U.S.

**General Information**

**School Type:** Public  
**Total Enrollment:** 20,000 +  
**Academic Calendar:** Semester  
**Setting:** Urban

**Academic Life**

**Average Class size:** Median class size: 24  
**Student / Faculty Ratio:** 20:1  
**Graduation Rate:** N/A  
**Summary – Student Life:** **M** 51 **F** 49 for undergraduate students

**Application Process: Summary**

Applications for undergraduate programs at The University of Toledo are reviewed on a rolling basis. Fall (August) semester application deadline is July 1st. Complete applications are automatically considered for scholarship. Direct-from-high school applicants apply through The Common Application. “How to Apply” instructions available at <http://www.utoledo.edu/admission/international/>. Office of International Admission will be happy to assist you! Call us at +1 (419) 530-1201 or send us an email at [internatladm@utoledo.edu](mailto:internatladm@utoledo.edu)

**Average Annual Cost & Financial Aid For Canadian Students**

**Availability of Aid:** Scholarships for undergraduate international students available

**Tuition / Fees:** \$ 19,505      **Books & Fees:** \$1,150      **Room / Board:** \$11,045

**Additional Information**

The University of Toledo offers its students great experiences in and outside of the classroom. Students have classes and do research on the Main Campus, as well as the Health Science Campus (Medical Center) featuring immersive simulation center, the Toledo Museum of Art (voted best in Ohio), Lake Erie Research Center, and Stranaham Arboretum (#40 most beautiful college arboretum in US).

The University of Toledo has a dedicated Career Services team who assist students with resume and professional skills development, and match them with an internship, co-op or job to start a successful career. The LaunchPad Incubation Program provides facilities and expert assistance for inventors and start-up entrepreneurs.



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**About Us**

Lake Superior State University offers over 60 degree programs including Engineering, Robotics, Nursing, Fisheries and Wildlife Management, Fire Science, and Criminal Justice. These core programs exemplify LSSU's personal approach to higher education, through practical, hands-on, career-focused learning. LSSU students work closely with faculty throughout their academic experience, developing undergraduate research opportunities and industry-based senior capstone projects. Nursing students have access to a state-of-the-art nursing skills simulation center. Fisheries students will soon have an exciting new facility that will integrate student training, research opportunities, and community awareness by partnering with local and international organizations to establish a center of education and research on the upper Great Lakes ecosystems. Lake Superior State University's four-year accredited Fire Science program allows students to obtain both a strong academic degree as well as hands-on fire-fighting training. The program is designed to provide both the necessary certifications to enter the fire service and also the general education and background necessary for advancement to higher rank and supervisory levels. Lake Superior State University is located in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, across the border from Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario, making it an ideal location to serve Ontario and the surrounding provinces. With One-Rate Tuition, Lake Superior State University offers competitive IN-STATE TUITION TO ALL CANADIAN STUDENTS! Various forms of financial aid are available through scholarships and awards for current, returning and prospective students, making LSSU one of Michigan's most affordable public universities. It is easy to see why over 3,500 Canadian alumni that have gone on to successful careers in Canada, the United States, and abroad.

**General Information**

**School Type:** Public  
**Total Enrollment:** 2,000  
**Academic Calendar:** Semester  
**Setting:** Rural

**Academic Life**

**Average Class size:** 27  
**Student / Faculty Ratio:** 16:1  
**Graduation Rate:** 42%  
**Summary – Student Life:** 100% **M** 47% **F** 53%

**Application Process: Summary**

The deadline to submit all application materials for Fall Semester is July 15 and November 15 for Spring Semester. LSSU's online application is free. First time in college students will need to have secondary school send LSSU an official copy of your transcript. LSSU does not require Canadian students to submit test scores from either the ACT or SAT. Students may wish to submit test scores in order to strengthen their scholarship consideration.

**Average Annual Cost & Financial Aid For Canadian Students**

**Availability of Aid:** Academic & athletic scholarships available

**Tuition / Fees:** \$12,000/year      **Books & Fees:** \$1,500/year      **Room / Board:** \$10,102/year

**Additional Information**

Lake Superior State University offers a variety of residential living-learning communities which allow students with similar academic interests or career goals to live and study together in community. Living-Learning Communities provide a smaller, more intimate environment for the exploration of a specific field of study. By thinking, studying, living and learning with others who share and understand their aspirations, students can maximize both their academic and personal experiences at LSSU. Students can take a break from class and enjoy all of the natural resources that the Eastern Upper Peninsula and northern Ontario has to offer. LSSU's Regional Outdoor Center offers low-cost recreational gear rentals, for all seasons. The center also organizes guided hiking, biking, paddling and camping trips, as well as recreation workshops in skills such as fly tying, bike repair, belaying, and climbing. Students can hone their climbing skills in weather-proof comfort on an indoor climbing wall.



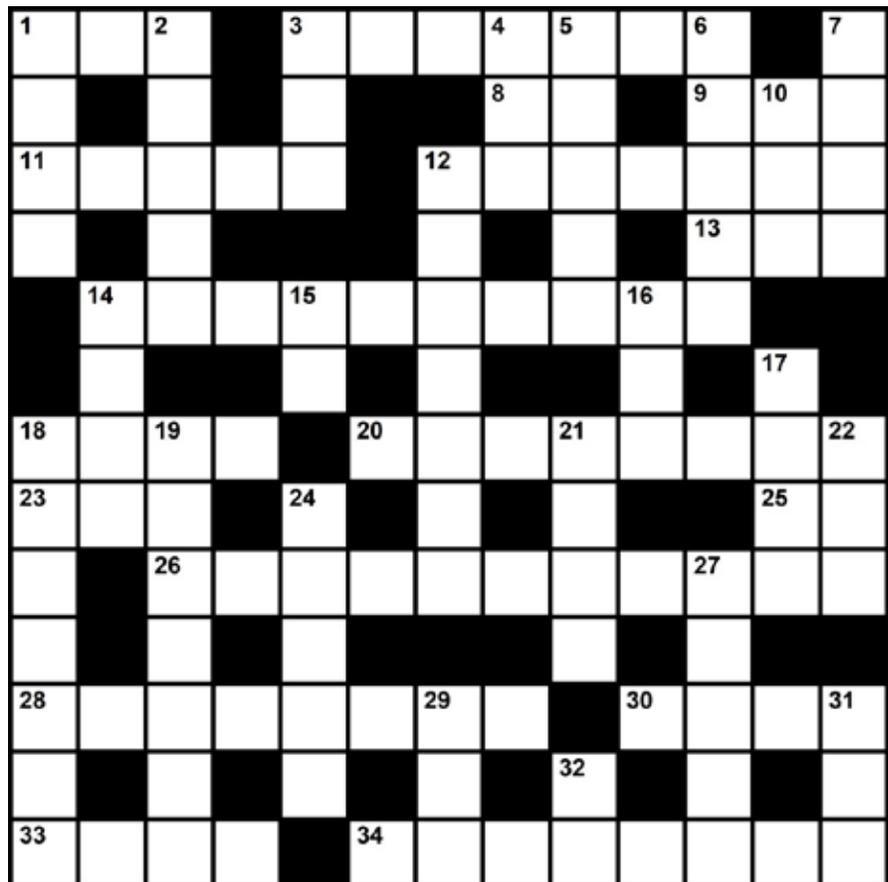
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**Across**

- 1 Prestigious Los Angeles university, whose athletes are known as the Trojans
- 3 One of the top research universities in the world, based near Sacramento
- 8 Masters degree, abbr.
- 9 Accountant, for short
- 11 Depart
- 12 Enter, as data into an application form, for example- 2 words
- 13 Education group, abbr.
- 14 Program a student can attend to explore the university experience before committing, 2 words
- 18 Completing 16 \_\_\_ courses: NCAA scholarships requirement
- 20 It might be used to describe a college that matched your needs, 2 words
- 23 Exist
- 25 Denial word
- 26 NCAA offering for selected athletes
- 28 Well-known university north of San Francisco
- 30 Living units, abbr.
- 33 Regretted
- 34 Private research university in Silicon Valley



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**Down**

- 1 Highly ranked Los Angeles university which is relatively low cost
- 2 University \_\_\_: it allows the Faculty to develop and enhance its scholarship in a priority area of study
- 3 Utilize
- 4 Friend in Quebec
- 5 Appreciate
- 6 Effective range of a study program perhaps
- 7 It's important to make career decisions based on this
- 10 Place
- 12 Complete successfully
- 14 Not high quality
- 15 Letters before chair and operate
- 16 Obtain
- 17 Small
- 18 Degree of excellence
- 19 Money set aside
- 21 Dificult, as an exam
- 22 Preeminent
- 24 Pull (for)
- 27 Familiar with, in slang- 2 words
- 29 Snack
- 31 Lawn piece
- 32 Well-liked



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