

## Fast Facts about California State University, Fresno

**The University** - California State University, Fresno was founded as Fresno State Normal School in 1911, became a teacher's college in 1921, and has offered advanced degrees since 1949. The university's popular nickname is "Fresno State." Our mascot is the Bulldog.

**Affiliation** - Fresno State is one of the 22 campuses of California State University, one of the largest systems of higher education in the world.

**Accreditation** - The University is accredited by the California Board of Education and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It has 26 nationally accredited departmental programs, among the highest number within the CSU system.

**Enrollment (Fall 2025)** - The University enrolled approximately 24,992 students, and over 6000 students completed work for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees by 2024-25 (Information provided by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness)

**Faculty and Staff (Fall 2025)** – 2448 full- and part-time; 96 percent of the tenured faculty hold doctoral or other terminal degrees in their areas of study.

**Location** - Fresno State's 388-acre main campus and its 1,011-acre University Farm are located at the northeast edge of Fresno, California, at the foot of the majestic Sierra Nevada mountain range. The surrounding San Joaquin Valley is one of the world's richest agricultural areas, and Fresno is the sixth-largest city in California. The university is within an hour's drive of many mountain and lake resorts and within a three or four-hour drive of both Los Angeles and San Francisco.

**Academic Schools and Divisions** - Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology; Arts and Humanities; Craig School of Business; Kremen School of Education and Human Development; Lyles College of Engineering; Health and Human Services; Science and Math; Social Sciences. Graduate Studies; Continuing and Global Education.

**Academic Calendar** - Fall semester: late August through December. Spring semester: mid-January through mid-May. The university also offers shorter sessions in the summer.

**Costs\*** - See [Tuition & Fees](#) for fee information.

**\*Special Notice:** Fees are subject to change without notice.

**News** - For the most up-to-date news about Fresno State, go to [Fresno State News online](#).

### Demographic Data

- [Quick Facts webpage.](#)
- [Office of Institutional Effectiveness webpage.](#)