PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The California State University is the state’s leading source for students who choose careers in public administration fields. The CSU graduates nearly 400 majors annually in public administration and urban planning, accounting for 62 percent of the state’s total graduates in these majors. In addition, according to the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, the CSU produces more than 15 percent of the accredited MPA graduates in the country.

Public Administration—Providing California’s Leaders

More than 1,800 students are enrolled in programs such as Human Services, Urban Studies, and Public Administration on CSU campuses. The CSU graduates more than 400 majors in these fields each year.

CSU—Leading Public Administration Programs

- The CSU is renowned for instilling in its students a commitment to service and giving back to the public. One result of the system’s leadership in public administration is the large number of CSU alumni among elected officials.
- In the 2005–06 legislative session, 41 of the 120 members of the California legislature are CSU alumni.
- In addition, 20 CSU graduates currently serve in the U.S. Congress.

Providing California’s Public Administration Workforce

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CSU campuses have long played an important role in California to help communities and regions understand their economies, population trends, industries, and social and community issues—

• CSU Fullerton’s Center for Demographic Research provides population, housing and employment data for public agencies, local jurisdictions, regional planning bodies and businesses. CSU Fullerton’s Social Science Research Center focuses on annual labor market surveys for the California Cooperative Occupational Information System, the Orange County Business Council and the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce.

• CSU Los Angeles’ Productivity Center focuses on operations management, economic forecasts for various industries, research on productivity and improvement for local government, manufacturing and service enterprises.

• CSU Northridge’s San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center operates in partnership with regional economic agencies and local businesses to track the performance of the San Fernando Valley economy and make regional economic forecasts for the San Fernando Valley.

Several CSU campuses house policy institutes that serve as resource centers for students, faculty, and the state’s business leaders and decision makers—

• Sacramento State’s Center for California Studies is one of the state’s only multidisciplinary, university-based institutes that addresses California policy issues. The center administers the Capital Fellows Program, which gives students an opportunity to engage in public service and prepare for future careers, and the Faculty Research Program, which links researchers throughout the CSU system to specific research needs of state agencies.

• CSU San Bernardino’s Institute of Applied Research and Policy Analysis aims to meet the information needs of policy and decision makers in the Inland Empire region through research and marketing studies for government and the private sector.

• San Francisco State’s Public Research Institute provides policy research, data collection, analysis and consultation to government agencies, nonprofit organizations, community groups and businesses in the Bay Area and throughout California.

• The San José State Survey and Policy Research Institute manages a Silicon Valley Consumer Confidence Survey to help the region and its industries gather important marketing and business planning data.

“Both as a legislator and now as executive director of a statewide environmental organization, I have worked closely with students, both undergraduate and graduate, of the CSU system. Uniformly, they are thoughtful, well trained, energetic men and women who are critical thinkers. I appreciate the fine work that is being done by faculty, staff and the entire CSU system in preparing a talented core of men and women who can help make our environment healthier and better.”

Fred Keeley • Executive Director • Planning and Conservation League