On October 1, 1998—thirty years after a public university was first proposed to serve the Ventura region—the California State University trustees accepted ownership of the former Camarillo State Hospital facility to develop CSU Channel Islands. The campus has embarked on a master plan development program to meet facility needs as the campus grows over the next decade and beyond.

CSU Channel Islands’ academic plan reflects some of the programs offered by the CSU Northridge Off-Campus Center, with new curriculum added to respond to the needs of the Ventura County region. The first programs being offered are art, biology, biotechnology, business, computer science, English, environmental science, liberal studies and teacher preparation, and mathematics.

The goals of the university are to:
- Develop, assess, and refine academic programs to meet the needs of students and the surrounding communities.
- Coordinate activities and programs with area educators from preschool through community college.
- Integrate technology into curricular offerings and in the delivery of distance learning.
- Develop alternative funding sources for the capital outlay program through economic development; supplement traditional state funding programs by developing campus property in order to provide nonstate revenue.
- Promote the cultural, community, educational, and economic development of Ventura County.
- Develop a "green campus" sensitive to the rich environmental qualities of the region.

CSU Channel Islands’ highest capital priority is to provide needed instructional space and offices for new faculty and staff as well as affordable housing for students, faculty, and staff. A new science building, currently under construction, will provide teaching laboratories for chemistry, biology, and physics. Other projects include the renovation of existing space for administration use, and the construction of the John Spoor Broome Library at the east end of the Campus Commons.

With the construction of the science and library buildings, the academic core of CSU Channel Islands will be positioned to serve the students and other citizens of Ventura County and the surrounding region.

The proposed general obligation bond before the voters in November 2002 will fund the equipment for the science building.
STATE

PROJECTS IN BUDGET YEAR

None

NONSTATE

PROJECTS IN BUDGET YEAR

Faculty/Staff for Sale/Rental Housing, Phase 3 (194 Units)  PWC  $30,000,000
This project will develop 86 for-sale units and 108 rental units of attached and detached single-family residences as indicated in the Specific Reuse Plan for the East Campus community development area. This project will include the Town Center University Support Facilities (136,000 GSF) immediately east of the John Spoor Broome Library. This development will contain 80,000 GSF of housing and 56,000 GSF of retail space in four separate buildings. Funding will be provided through the Channel Islands Site Authority.

Located three miles from the Pacific Ocean, where the Oxnard Plain meets the Santa Monica Mountains, the 670-acre site of California State University, Channel Islands is truly dramatic. The main entrance to the campus travels through fields, orchards, coastal shrub, and craggy foothills with spectacular rock formations. Equally dramatic is the campus architecture. Built in the early part of the 20th century as the former Camarillo State Hospital, the sprawling 1930s Spanish revival buildings, cloistered hallways, the campanile, tiled fountains, open space, and many courtyards are being renovated to house our new state-of-the-art 21st century university.