California State University, Hayward is committed to educational excellence for a diverse society. The faculty use their outstanding talents as teachers and scholars to prepare the highly diverse student body for a world characterized by rapid technological change and continuous learning.

CSU Hayward’s instructional programs are organized into four academic schools: Arts, Letters and Social Sciences; Education and Allied Studies; Science; and Business and Economics. The university’s master’s program in multimedia was the first in the nation with a unique multi-disciplinary partnership among business, computer science, and art. As a result of the university’s continuing efforts to enhance education through the use of technology, CSU Hayward offers a certificate program in online instruction.

The Business and Technology Center, proposed for funding from the general obligation bond that is going before the voters in November 2002, is critical to fulfilling the university’s mission. It will allow modern curricular instruction in four important programs:

- Business and Economics
- Multimedia programs
- Teacher Technology Education
- Engineering

The Center will serve as an umbrella facility for programs in technology management, engineering, and multimedia production. The Center also will facilitate development of additional online degree programs; function as the university’s communications and technology hub; and provide a resource to strengthen undergraduate and graduate business programs in international trade, marketing, and e-commerce.

Future construction plans at CSU Hayward include the seismic upgrade of E. Guy Warren Hall and the renovation of the music and business building.

Additionally, strategic plans for the future growth of CSU Hayward identify the need for affordable student, faculty, and staff housing for both the main campus in Hayward and the Contra Costa off-campus center in Concord.
John Hammerback received the 2002 Outstanding Professor Award in recognition of his leadership and scholarly contributions. The Words of Cesar Chavez is the most recent book edited by Hammerback, who has been serving concurrently as the chair of the Mass Communication and Speech Communication departments.

Two CSUH history professors have won national book awards. Jessica Weiss was given the Sierra Book Prize for To Have and To Hold: Marriage, the Baby Boom, and Social Change. Dee Andrews received the Rosenhaupt Memorial Book Award for The Methodists and Revolutionary America, 1760-1800.