

Cal State  
**Monterey Bay**

# Student Handbook

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# Welcome

## to California State University of Monterey Bay!

Dear Otter,

Welcome to our Otter Raft! I'm confident that at Cal State Monterey Bay, you will find your place and contribute to our community's strength. Your time here will help you develop your own resilience as you experience the true meaning of the Strength of Us!

At Cal State Monterey Bay, we pride ourselves on providing excellent academic experiences that include hands-on learning opportunities, service learning possibilities that connect you with the community, personalized mentorship and helping our students "find their people" on and off campus.

We are dedicated to providing an accessible and affordable education as a foundation to transform your lives, your families and your communities, and this is reflected by the value of our education.

Although a fairly new university, Cal State Monterey Bay is on an upward trajectory that includes developing new degree programs, investing in capital projects to enhance learning and research and in forging strong partnerships with industry leaders to ensure you develop skills that will set you on a strong career path upon graduation.

Through your tenure at Cal State Monterey Bay always remember that we are here to ensure your success!

**Vanya Quiñones, PhD**

*President,  
California State University, Monterey Bay*



## DEAR STUDENTS,

As the Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs, it is my honor to not only welcome you to our vibrant CSUMB community, but provide you with critical information for your university journey. As you embark on this transformative experience, you join a legacy shaped by our foundational Vision—a commitment to innovation, diversity, community engagement, and academic excellence.

At CSUMB, we believe education transcends the boundaries of classrooms and textbooks. It is an ongoing journey of discovery, growth, and responsibility. Our vision is not just to prepare you for a career, but to inspire you to become proactive citizens, capable of shaping a more equitable and sustainable world.

### As Sea Otters, you are now integral to a community that values:

1. **Inclusivity and Diversity:** Embrace and celebrate the richness of diverse perspectives, cultures, and ideas. Your unique voice adds strength to our collective endeavor.
2. **Collaborative Learning:** Engage actively in collaborative learning. Here, education is a shared journey, where the exchange of ideas fosters innovation and critical thinking.
3. **Environmental Stewardship:** Our commitment to sustainability is unwavering. As stewards of our environment, you are encouraged to develop solutions for a sustainable future.
4. **Community Engagement:** We are more than a campus; we are a community. Engage with local and global communities to make meaningful contributions through service and leadership.
5. **Personal Growth:** Your journey at CSUMB is not just academic. It is also about personal growth, resilience, and self-discovery. Embrace challenges as opportunities to learn and grow.

As you navigate your path at CSUMB, remember that your education is a powerful tool for change. You are not only preparing for your future but also shaping the future of those around you. We are excited to see the impact you will make as an informed, engaged, and responsible member of the Otter family.

It is your responsibility to read through this Student Handbook in order to assure your successful progress toward your degree. Use it to ensure you are able to take full advantage of the resources and support you will only find on a university campus while a student. Embrace it with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a commitment to excellence.

Sincerely,

### **Ben M. Corpus, Ph.D.**

*Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Affairs  
California State University, Monterey Bay*





# ABOUT CSUMB

## Mission Statement, History, Snapshot of CSUMB, Other fun facts

### FOUNDING VISION STATEMENT

California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) is envisioned as a comprehensive state university which values service through high-quality education. The campus will be distinctive in serving the diverse people of California, especially the working class and historically undereducated and low-income populations. It will feature an enriched living and learning environment and a year-round operation. The identity of the university will be framed by a substantive commitment to multilingual, multicultural, gender-equitable learning. The university will be a collaborative, intellectual community distinguished by partnerships with existing institutions both public and private, cooperative agreements which enable students, faculty, and staff to cross institutional boundaries for innovative instruction, broadly defined scholarly and creative activity, and coordinated community service.

The university will invest in preparation for the future through integrated and experimental use of technologies as resources to people, catalysts for learning, and providers of increased access and enriched quality learning. The curriculum of CSUMB will be student and society-centered and of sufficient breadth and depth to meet statewide and regional needs, specifically those involving both inner-city and isolated rural populations, and needs relevant to communities in the immediate Tri-County region (Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito). The programs of instruction will strive for distinction, building on regional assets in developing specialty clusters in such areas as: the sciences (marine, atmospheric, and environmental); visual and performing arts and related humanities; languages, cultures, and international studies; education; business; studies of human behavior, information, and communication, within broad curricular areas; and professional study.

The university will develop a culture of innovation in its overall conceptual design and organization and will utilize new and varied pedagogical and instructional approaches including distance learning. Institutional programs will value and cultivate creative and productive talents of students, faculty, and staff, and seek ways to contribute to the economy of the state, the well-being of our communities, and the quality of life and development of its students, faculty, and service areas.

### The education programs at CSUMB will:

- Integrate the sciences, the arts and humanities, liberal studies, and professional training;
- Integrate modern learning technology and pedagogy to create liberal education adequate for the contemporary world;
- Integrate work and learning, service and reflection;
- Recognize the importance of global interdependence;
- Invest in languages and cross-cultural competence;



- Emphasize those topics most central to the local area’s economy and ecology, and California’s long-term needs;
- Offer a multicultural, gender-equitable, intergenerational, and accessible residential learning environment.

**The university will provide a new model of organizing, managing, and financing higher education:**

- The university will be integrated with other institutions, essentially collaborative in its orientation, and active in seeking partnerships across institutional boundaries. It will develop and implement various arrangements for sharing courses, curriculum, faculty, students, and facilities with other institutions.
- The organizational structure of the university will reflect a belief in the importance of each administrative staff and faculty member, working to integrate the university community across “staff” and “faculty” lines.
- The financial aid system will emphasize a fundamental commitment to equity and access.
- The budget and financial systems, including student fees, will provide for efficient and effective operation of the university.
- University governance will be exercised with a substantial amount of autonomy and independence within a very broad CSU systemwide policy context.
- Accountability will emphasize careful evaluation and assessment of results and outcomes.

Our vision of the goals of California State University, Monterey Bay includes: a model pluralistic academic community where all learn and teach one another in an atmosphere of mutual respect and pursuit of excellence; a faculty and staff motivated to excel in their respective fields as well as to contribute to the broadly defined university environment. Our graduates will have an understanding of interdependence and global competence, distinctive technical and educational skills, the experience and abilities to contribute to California’s high-quality workforce, the critical thinking abilities to be productive citizens, and the social responsibility and skills to be community builders. CSUMB will dynamically link the past, present, and future by responding to historical and changing conditions, experimenting with strategies which increase access, improve quality, and lower costs through education in a distinctive CSU environment. University students and personnel will attempt analytically and creatively to meet critical state and regional needs and to provide California with responsible and creative leadership for the global 21st century.

~ September 27, 1994



**HISTORY**

We grew out of Fort Ord, a decommissioned Army base with a rich history going back to 1917. Throughout the ‘50s, ‘60s, and ‘70s, Fort Ord was a major location for basic training, reaching its heyday during the Vietnam War. Even celebs like Jimi Hendrix and Clint Eastwood completed basic training here. In all, more than 1.5 million men and women received basic training at Fort Ord.



## HONORING THE LEGACY OF FORT ORD

Fort Ord closed in the summer of 1993, and one year later, California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) was officially recognized as the 21st campus in the California State University (CSU) system. Richard E. "Hank" Hendrickson, then Executive Dean of CSUMB, signed the deed for the land on August 29, 1994.

Over the next several years, CSUMB continued to grow and evolve. We added new majors. We fielded athletic teams competing in more sports. Brand new state-of-the-art classroom buildings and residence halls went up, and we started getting attention and recognition for what we had accomplished — our Service Learning program was highlighted in U.S. News, Intel praised our wireless accessibility, and the team of scholars who accredited us said, "It is our view that CSUMB is a product of scholarship at its best — rigorous, ethical, socially responsible, and respectful of the values and strengths of a diverse group of people who have adopted a common vision and sense of purpose."

Today, you'll still find pieces of Fort Ord's military past across campus -- in murals, in renovated buildings, and even in new buildings like the Alumni & Visitors Center (the lobby ceiling is made of wood recycled from demolished Army barracks). You'll also find the wisdom and creativity of the founders in the faculty and in the curriculum. You'll enjoy traditional events such as Earth Week and hangouts like the BBC, started up by pioneer alumni. And you'll have a chance to weave your own story into ours, and become a part of our history as it unfolds.



graduation yearbook HQ Company 1st Battle Group 1st Brigade 1960

◀ Bayonet training, 3rd street near 4th Avenue, circa 1960

▼ Motor pool a few yards south of Inter-Garrison Road, East Garrison area, circa 1941



CAMP ORD, CALIF. 1941. Photo by H. B. ...

## SNAPSHOT OF CSUMB:

An Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) since 1998



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## in the West

### BEST COLLEGES

& WORLD REPORT  
**USNews**

SOCIAL MOBILITY  
2025



Near the Monterey Bay Aquarium

**1** Mile from beaches and trails



Students from the Department of Cinematic Arts and Technology have had their films screened at the Sundance Film Festival.

CSU Monterey Bay is best known for its small class sizes which benefits students by having more one-on-one time with each student in the classroom. CSUMB also is known for having their students become involved in the community and gain different service learning skills.

### UNDERGRADUATES FROM UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS

Underrepresented Group	Headcount	Percentage of undergraduates
Adult Students	1,125	20%
First Generation	2,736	49%
Underrepresented Minority (URM)	2,815	50%
Low Income	1,633	29%

### AGE (UNDERGRADUATES ONLY)

Age Group	Headcount	Percentage of undergraduates
17 and under	1	0%
18 - 20	1,845	33%
21 - 24	2,616	47%
25 - 30	678	12%
31 and over	447	8%

### RACE / ETHNICITY

Race / Ethnicity	Headcount	%
African American	208	3%
Asian American	546	8%
Latino	2,955	46%
Native American	38	1%
Other / Decline	264	4%
Pacific Islander	46	1%
Two or More Races	510	8%
White	1,889	29%

### STUDENT LEVEL

Student Level	Headcount	%
Freshmen	877	14%
Sophomores	741	11%
Juniors	1,665	26%
Seniors	2,304	36%
Graduate	614	10%
Credential	105	2%
Post-Baccalaureate	150	2%





# NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

The First Year Experience office ensures that every new student experiences a positive orientation and transition to campus. Through events, shared resources, and communication, the FYE office works to empower and support every student to be successful and thrive. In addition to supporting new students' transitions, the FYE office also employs [Otter Orientation Leaders](#), providing high-quality leadership and job opportunities to over 30 students each year.

## Top 6 Ways to Get Involved

- Wear CSUMB Colors on Thursday
- Explore RAFT Weekend
- Join a Student Club
- Peruse the Common Read
- Attend Welcome Events
- Finish the Bucket List Challenge



## NEW STUDENT OTTER ORIENTATION ➤

New Student Otter Orientation aims to include all new first-time (first-year and Transfer) students and their families/supporters as they transition into the CSUMB community.

## Be an ORIENTATION LEADER

[JOIN OUR TEAM](#)

## TRADITIONS

One [tradition](#) that no one should pass up is getting involved on campus! Being a student is more than just the classroom; develop your interests by seeking out the many opportunities available to you. Don't see something for you? [Try starting a new club!](#)

## Contact First Year Experience

831-582-4693  
orientation@csumb.edu

Otter Student Union, Room 305  
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Instagram: @MB\_Orientation



# STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



MyRaft is CSUMB's student engagement platform. Not only will you use this to register for events, but also to join CSUMB's many student organizations, connect with departmental resources and services, and interact socially with other students on the feed and through chat.

## Key features include:

- Student clubs and organizations groups calendar
- Live polling, surveys, and forms
- Direct communications capability to registered event attendees
- Ability to have contactless registration and participation tracking at events
- Virtual engagement opportunities through chat, virtual fairs, an discussion boards
- MyRaft is available in both Apple and Google Play app stores and can be accessed through your mobile device. Search "CSUMB MyRaft" and download the app today!

## STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGS ↗

California State University, Monterey Bay, recognizes 15 sports clubs, 62 student clubs, and 10 fraternities and sororities! Being a part of a club offers an excellent way for you to meet others, expand an existing interest, experiment with new activities, or gain leadership experience.

By making the choice to be involved, we guarantee that your time at CSUMB will become more meaningful, productive, and enjoyable, and you will enhance your learning outside of the classroom.

Our organizations are diverse and very active, so our campus offers countless ways for you to join a group! Clubs are open to all members of the CSUMB community and have many focuses, including specific academic, community service, cultural, hobby, Greek letter, political/social action, recreation, religious, and sports.

## INTER-CLUB COUNCIL (ICC) ↗

Inter-Club Council (ICC) is a committee of recognized clubs and organizations at CSUMB. It is a student organization and subsidiary organization of the Associated Students responsible for the oversight and governance of Inter-Club Council clubs. The council's mission is to create and support club-based activities and events that enrich the campus life experience of the students, faculty, and staff. The council also serves as a venue for clubs to highlight club activities, coordinate event schedules, offer support and guidance to each other, seek solutions to common problems, and express concerns related to student organizations at CSUMB.





## SPORTS CLUB COUNCIL ↗

The Sports Clubs Council (SCC) is a student organization and subsidiary of the Associated Students, responsible for the oversight and governance of the Sports Clubs. The purpose of the SCC is to serve specific organizational, financial, and risk management needs of the Sports Clubs. This is accomplished by reviewing and recommending resource appropriation; proposing, planning, and coordinating club activities, and establishing and enforcing policies for the safe and effective operations of club activities.

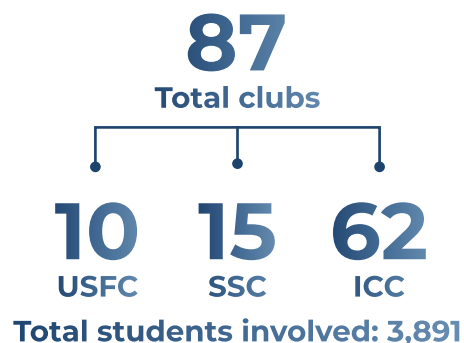
**Mission:** The Sports Club Administration team is focused on supporting all aspects of Sports Clubs operations. This includes programming and supporting events, providing mentorship and guiding the development of young professionals who are interested in filling one of our numerous leadership positions.

### Values:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Integrity
- Servant Leadership
- Sportsmanship

## UNITED SORORITY AND FRATERNITY COUNCIL (USFC) ↗

Greek Life is a wonderful way to get engaged at California State Monterey Bay! Students create lifelong relationships, they give back to their communities, and develop key leadership skills and competencies. CSUMB Greek Life consists of 10 active Greek Letter Organizations- 3 fraternities and 7 sororities- governed by the United Sorority and Fraternity Council (USFC).



## ASSOCIATED STUDENTS ↗

In addition to serving as the student government at CSUMB, your Associated Students (AS) provide a wide range of services, events, and programs to foster a sense of belonging for all students on campus.

### Services offered by AS

- [Box Office](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Campus Events](#)
- [Otter Media](#)

## Executive Board

The Associated Students Executive Board is overseen by the AS President. This board is responsible for the oversight of the Associated Students Senate, University and CSU system-wide affairs, financial affairs, and the general well-being of Associated Students at large.

## Senate

Associated Students of CSU Monterey Bay Senate includes one representative from each college: College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health and Human Services, and College of Science. AS Senate also includes three senators whose responsibilities focus on special campus initiatives, including Diversity and Inclusion, Environmental Affairs, and Community Affairs.

## Associated Students Program Board

Associated Students Program Board (ASPB) serves and celebrates CSU Monterey Bay's diverse student population through co-curricular and social programming. ASPB strives to promote campus traditions, holistic wellness, and a positive sense of belonging as a means to enhancing the college experience.

Learn more



*Want more information about upcoming programs put on by ASPB? If you have any questions or event ideas, please consider joining our general student body meetings or email us at [as@csumb.edu](mailto:as@csumb.edu)*

**MB**  
Athletics



### OTTER ATHLETIC TEAMS

#### Men's Teams

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Golf  
Soccer

#### Women's Teams

Basketball  
Cross Country  
Golf  
Soccer  
Softball  
Track & Field  
Volleyball  
Water Polo





# LIFE AS AN OTTER

## BASIC NEEDS ↩

Having one's basic needs met has a direct impact on the academic performance, mental health, physical health, professional development, and holistic well-being of our students. On campus we have many resources available to ensure our students' needs are met such as a food pantry, emergency grant, and housing support.

### Mission

The CSUMB Basic Needs Initiative endeavors to support students to be successful by ensuring their basic needs are met through resources, access, and advocacy.

### What are basic needs?

- Basic necessities all students need to thrive and be successful
- Adequate food
- Stable housing
- Physical and mental well-being

### 5 most accessed services

- ↩ CalFresh
- ↩ Eat Well, Be Well
- ↩ Emergency Fund
- ↩ FreshAccess
- ↩ The Hub



Basic Needs Referral Form



Basic Needs One-on-One Appointment

### Contact Basic Needs

831-582-3511 or 831-582-3522  
basicneeds@csumb.edu

Student Center, Building 12, Room 152 Enter the double glass doors and turn right! room 305

Office Hours:  
Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Watch "This is Recreation" video

### Contact Recreation

831-582-4617  
recreation@csumb.edu  
[Recreation MyRaft Group](#)

Student Center, East Lounge



## RECREATION ↩

CSUMB Recreation inspires transformative change, promotes well-being, and is committed to student growth and success.

We create healthy living environments through innovative and experiential learning opportunities. We design programs that foster growth, leadership, and well-being for the CSUMB community.

The Recreation department is made up of Adventure Education, Experiential Learning Center, Otter Cycle Center, Intramural Sports, Sports Club Council, and the new Fitness Center.

## ADVENTURE EDUCATION ↗

Explore and experience the immediate and surrounding areas CSUMB is known for. We offer day hikes, camping trips, paddle sports, indoor climbing, and more. You can also rent everything you need for a day at the beach or on your own camping trip. We want to help get you out and make some unforgettable memories outside.

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CENTER ↗

The Experiential Learning Center is committed to the development of our human potential through experiential and adventure-based education.

Our custom programming will be available for CSUMB Student Groups, CSUMB Departments, Community Youth Groups, Non-Profit Groups, and For-Profit Groups. Our programs encourage groups to challenge assumptions and reach beyond perceived limitations to achieve their potential. Participants explore intrapersonal and interpersonal relationships while engaged in experiential challenges through portable adventures and on our low and high ropes course.

### We design programs to:

- Improve teamwork, group cohesion, and cooperation
- Develop leadership, encourage problem-solving and improve communication
- Challenge groups and individuals to achieve their potential



**Join the MyRaft group** and stay up to date on your favorite activities.



**Request Form**  
Experiential Learning Center Program

recreation@csumb.edu





## OTTER CYCLE CENTER ↗

Ride, repair, and learn about your bike with the Otter Cycle Center, your campus bike shop. Ride with us on the vast 82-mile trail network that Fort Ord National Monument has to offer, or take a casual ride along the Coastal Trail to Monterey.

The Otter Cycle Center is here to fulfill your two-wheeled college adventures with bike rides, rentals, parts, repairs, and clinics.

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS ↗

Play in a sports league or tournament here on campus for FREE. Play only against fellow CSUMB students, faculty, and staff. Everyone that signs up on time is guaranteed to play! We offer traditional and non-traditional sports like soccer, volleyball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, corn hole, and more. Meet new people, make new connections, and enjoy the thrill of competition.

## FITNESS CENTER

The new Fitness Center (located just inside the University Center) features free weights, cardio equipment, small lockers, a shower and gender-neutral bathroom. Come and try out the new space, FREE to all students!

**For information, contact Recreation Front Desk: 831-582-4617**

*IMLeagues is a partnered website that CSUMB uses to operate intramural sports leagues. This site makes intramural sports information easily accessible to the participants.*

*Download the IMLeagues app on your cell phone for easier access to stats, schedules, messaging, standings, and day of notifications.*



**How to register**



**MyRaft group**



**FAQ**



**Participant Handbook**



**IM Leagues**

## RECREATION RENTAL CENTER ↗



### Bike Rentals

- Day rental
- Weekend rental
- Semester rental
- Mountain bikes, road bikes, and city bikes available.



### Outdoor Rentals

- Two to six person tents.
- Sleeping bags and pads.
- Ice chest and stoves.
- Backpacking backpacks.
- Surfboards, boogie boards and wetsuits.
- Climbing shoes and harnesses.



### Covered and Secure Bike Parking

- Semester, academic year, or calendar year bike parking.
- 24/7 key card access with your paid membership.
- Covered parking keeps your bike out of the elements.
- Centrally located.
- Park your bike as a bike commuter, or store your bike as a campus resident.
- [Bike Bunker membership application](#) ↗



# COLLEGE SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The College Support Programs (CSP), as part of the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, are dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of undergraduate, underrepresented students through high-quality programs and services that promote educational opportunity and academic success.

## COLLEGE ASSISTANCE MIGRANT PROGRAM (CAMP)

CAMP assists students from a seasonal/migrant farmworker background with the transition from high school to college during their first year through academic and financial support services. Participants must be: first-time freshmen, full-time students, Pell Grant eligible (as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA), a legal permanent resident or U.S. citizen, and documented migrant/seasonal farm-worker eligible.

### Benefits include:

- Assistance with Admissions, Cal State Apply, and Financial Aid applications
- Advising and peer mentorship
- First-year CAMP grant
- Cultural enrichment events, trips, and opportunities
- Other resources and support



**For more information**  
Visit the  
CAMP website

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (EOP)

EOP aims to improve the access and retention of low-income and first-generation college students by providing admission, academic, and financial support services. Students must meet EOP eligibility guidelines and submit the California State University application materials required by the Admissions Office, as well as complete the EOP application portion.

### Benefits include:

- Academic, personal, and professional growth advising
- One-on-one peer mentoring
- Career exploration
- Graduate school exploration
- Financial literacy information
- Grant aid for eligible students
- Skill development workshops
- Computer lab access
- Educational and cultural enrichment activities
- Summer Bridge and Transfer Bridge



**For more information**  
Visit the  
EOP website





## GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP)

GSP supports current and former foster youth in college by providing access and maintaining a support network that promotes academic success and personal development. The program connects students with their potential to become successful and productive citizens. Eligible students include current or former foster youth, adopted, kinship care, or students experiencing homelessness.

### Benefits include:

- Skill development workshops
- Academic, personal, and professional growth advising
- Special scholarships and funding to cover college and living expenses



**For more information**  
Visit the  
GSP website

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## TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS) & SSS STEM-HEALTH SCIENCES

TRIO SSS & SSS STEM-HS are 100% federally funded programs to support first generation, low-income students or students with disabilities. Our mission is to contribute to the success of participants by supporting and empowering them in their academic, personal, and professional growth.

### Services include:

- 1:1 advising and peer mentoring
- Career exploration and professional development
- Cultural enrichment and community building activities
- Financial aid assistance and information
- Financial literacy
- Graduate school exploration
- Grant Aid for eligible students
- Academic support and workshops
- Summer Academy orientation
- Internship and research support
- Resources including computer lab, printing, textbook loans



**For more information**  
Visit the  
SSS website

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## UNDOCU-SUCCESS CENTER

Empowers scholars who are undocumented in their educational pursuits and fosters a supportive campus community dedicated to achieving their educational and personal goals. The program addresses the needs of undocumented students, members of mixed-status families, allies, campus faculty and staff by providing the following services and resources:

- Policy and legislative updates
- Referrals to counseling resources
- Referrals to financial and academic resources
- Legal services referrals
- Ally and policy literacy training
- Scholarship references
- Programs for undocumented students



**For more information**  
Visit the Undocu-  
Success website



# ACADEMIC & UNIVERSITY POLICIES

## FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) FERPA is a federal law regarding the privacy of student records and the obligations of the institution, primarily in the areas of release of the records and the access provided to these records. Education records include academic, financial, health and student conduct records. This information is protected under FERPA, and parents may not have access unless the student has provided authorization that specifically identifies what information may be released to the parent(s).



**For more information**  
Visit the CSUMB  
FERPA site

## STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As a student at CSU Monterey Bay, you are not only a member of the larger university community but also a member of the community within your residence hall, suite, apartment, or court. Living in close quarters with others who are new to you is not always easy. Everyone comes from a different background and brings different experiences and expectations for living in campus housing. Student Housing & Residential Life Community Standards and university policies are intended to give you, your roommate(s), and your neighbors a common set of expectations by which you can all live and learn together.

It is the responsibility of each individual to know and abide by these Community Standards, in addition to the [CSU Monterey Bay Policies and Regulations](#) and [Student Code of Conduct](#). To carry out its work of teaching, research, and public service, CSU Monterey Bay faculty, staff, administrators, and students have an obligation to maintain conditions under which the university can proceed freely. This is done by the highest standards of quality, institutional integrity, and freedom of expression, with full recognition by all concerned about the university community's rights, privileges, and responsibilities. Each community member is responsible for maintaining an environment conducive to achieving the university's mission.

The [Office of Student Conduct](#) supports the University's educational mission by administering the CSU Student Disciplinary process in a fair, timely, respectful and educationally purposeful manner. Student Conduct collaborates with faculty, staff and students to provide a safe, fair and supportive learning environment.

The Office of Student Conduct provides outreach and education related to student rights and responsibilities, CSU student disciplinary policies and procedures. We work in support of students attaining their academic goals and to facilitate integrity and ethical development.





## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY ↩

Academic integrity is of central importance to an education at CSUMB. The core of this integrity resides in the scholastic honesty of the CSUMB community, and therefore, is the responsibility of all students and faculty to uphold and maintain. Forms of academic dishonesty include: cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and collusion in any of these activities. We value informal resolution of academic integrity allegations; however, students discovered to have engaged in academic dishonesty will be sanctioned.

## ACADEMIC STANDING ↩

This policy defines the types of GPA counts used at CSUMB, and informs students of the conditions for which they may find themselves eligible for academic honors or academic probation/disqualification. It also highlights the ways in which students may be able to improve their GPAs.

## ANTI HAZING ↩

CSUMB has a zero-tolerance hazing policy. "Hazing" includes any method or initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to such an organization which causes, or is likely to cause, bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm, to any student or other person attending any school, community college, college, university or other educational institution in this state. California law makes hazing a potential felony, punishable with up to one year in prison, \$5,000 in fines, and liability for injury to any persons harmed.





## CLERY-RELATED POLICIES

- Implementation of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act
- Mandated Clery Act and Campus Safety Reporting
- Missing Residential Student Notification

## DECLARATION OF MAJORS AND MINOR PROGRAMS

Declaration of Majors and Minor Programs is a policy that informs students of when and how they can add or change a major and minor program.

## ENROLLMENT & REGISTRATION POLICY

This policy includes the information students need to understand the course add, drop, and withdrawal processes on campus and the implications of doing so at different points during the semester.

## GRADE APPEAL POLICY

Grade Appeal Policy describes the processes related to students rights and responsibilities when there are grade disputes.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND CATALOG RIGHTS POLICY

This policy describes students' rights as they relate to what they must complete in order to be eligible for the degree. This is a very important policy!!

## OFFICE HOURS POLICY

Get to know your professors! Every instructional faculty member is required to hold office hours.

## PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT

Are you nearing completion of your degree program? Find out which commencement ceremony you are eligible to participate in!

## STUDENT EMAIL NOTIFICATION

Read your CSUMB email regularly! Your email is the primary means of important communication between the university and you. Don't miss deadlines or other important information by neglecting your email.

## TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER

CSU Monterey Bay is committed to free expression as essential to its educational mission. The University is also committed to enabling all campus community members, recognized student organizations, University-affiliated groups, and the public in hosting a variety of events on campus to supplement and enrich the educational experience. To ensure the safety of the University and the campus community while protecting First Amendment rights of those who wish to participate in events hosted on University property, the University will enforce this [policy](#).





# ACADEMIC ADVISING

CSUMB has great Academic Advisors who are located in the Center for Advising Career Student Success, also known as CACSS. Their Mission statement is “The mission of the Center for Advising, Career, and Student Success is to provide equitable, culturally appropriate academic, career, and student success advising to help CSUMB undergraduates achieve their educational goals and prepare for success after graduation.”

CSUMB students can use the new Advising Portal to schedule an appointment with an academic, career, or success advisor. See our Academic Advising page for more information, or call 831-582-3937 if you have difficulty scheduling an appointment.



**Schedule an appointment**  
with an advisor



**Visit our page**  
for more  
information





## COOPERATIVE LEARNING CENTER

The Cooperative Learning Center (CLC) is a space where all students can access free peer-to-peer tutoring in nearly any subject you're working on at CSUMB. Staffed with ~65 undergraduate student tutors, the CLC provides one-on-one, group tutoring, and supplemental instruction in multiple subjects and over sixty courses, with in-person and online options.

At the CLC, we make sure to provide a collaborative, active learning environment where students do more than just get help with their homework. We help students to strengthen their academic skills by encouraging a growth mindset, modeling positive habits of mind, and empowering students to seek out and utilize campus resources for academic success.

The Cooperative Learning Center provides free tutoring services to students and the wider CSUMB community in a number of subject areas including:

- Math
- Statistics
- Writing
- Reading
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Psychology
- Business
- Technology/ Computer Science
- Spanish
- American Sign Language
- Japanese
- Italian
- Study Skills/Time Management

### Program Mission & Philosophy

The Cooperative Learning Center engages a community of diverse learners in peer-to-peer collaborative learning to develop intellectual growth, curiosity, and knowledge essential for student success. We seek to empower students to become resilient and confident learners. Our program works with faculty, staff, and community members across disciplines to design and offer effective, collaborative, and active learning experiences.

### You Can Become a Tutor!

If you enjoy collaborating, learning, and serving others, the CLC may be the place for you. As the largest employer of students on campus, we welcome new student tutors each semester. You can learn more about our application process on [our website](#).



**Visit our page**  
for more  
information

### Schedule an appointment

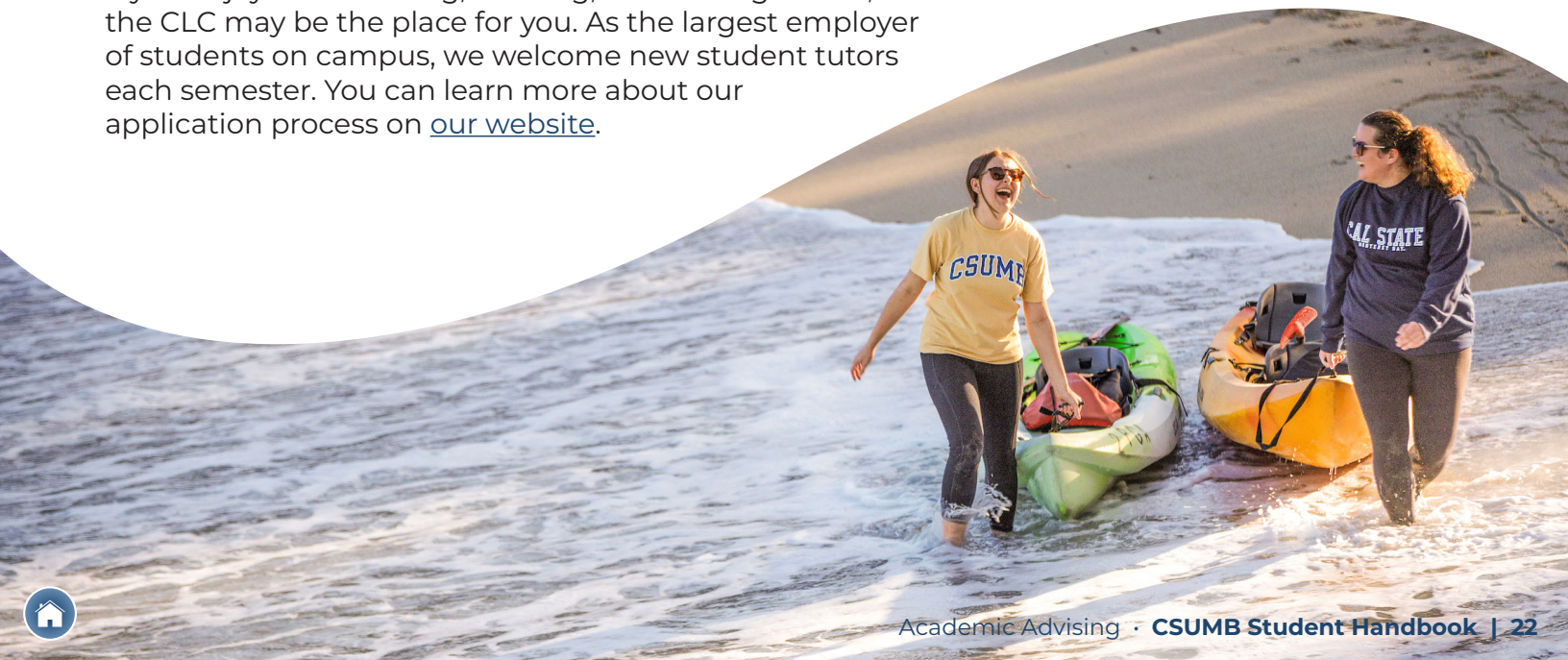
- [Online](#)
- Call Us! 831-582-4104
- Walk in to the center, Library 2125
- Email us at [clc@csumb.edu](mailto:clc@csumb.edu)

### Contact Information

831-582-4104  
[clc@csumb.edu](mailto:clc@csumb.edu)

Library, ste. 2125

**Director:** Elise Dixon, PhD,  
[eldixon@csumb.edu](mailto:eldixon@csumb.edu)



## CENTER FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING & INNOVATION

Whether it's your first day on campus or the beginning of your career, the Center for Experiential Learning and Innovation is here to help you succeed. We teach you how to improve your college experiences and academic and career journey. We believe in preparing students for a diverse and evolving job market through a comprehensive approach that goes beyond traditional academics. Our team will support you in broadening your Horizons.

- Career Services
- Service Learning Institute
- Study Abroad
- First Year Seminar
- Second Year Experience

### Broaden Your Horizons

In the context of college student career development and student success, **Broaden Your Horizons** refers to **expanding one's perspectives, experiences, and skills beyond one's immediate academic or career focus and current understanding or comfort zone.** This can involve exploring new academic disciplines, engaging in diverse extracurricular activities, seeking internships and job opportunities, and developing a global perspective through study abroad programs or multicultural interactions. This approach aims to prepare students for a diverse and evolving job market, enhance their personal growth, and increase their adaptability and resilience. It involves the following elements: working to uphold the [NACE Competencies](#).

#### 1 Exposure to Diverse Fields and Disciplines

Encouraging students to explore courses and activities outside their major to gain a well-rounded education.

*Examples: Joining On-campus groups and organizations, attending workshops held by support services and programs*

#### 2 Experiential Learning Opportunities

Participating in internships, co-ops, study abroad programs, and service-learning projects to gain practical experience and global awareness.

*Examples: On-campus Jobs, Internships, Shadowing Programs within the Community*

#### 3. Networking and Mentorship

Building relationships with professionals, alumni, and peers in various industries to gain insights and advice.

*Examples: Mentorship programs, On-campus groups and organizations, College and departmental events or programs, online networking programs*

#### 4. Skill Development

Fostering both hard and soft skills, such as critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving, which are valuable in any career.

*Examples: Recognizing and taking stock of skills and competencies gained in class, co-curricular programs, internships, and jobs*

#### 5. Cultural Competency

Learning to understand and appreciate cultural differences, which is crucial in today's global workforce.

*Examples: Engaging in cultural events, internships outside of your "local" area, studying or working abroad, culturally diverse courses*

#### 6. Career Exploration

Investigating multiple career paths and industries to find the best fit for their interests and strengths.

*Examples: Discovering the multiple pathways of your major, engaging with your Success Team, exploring the non-linear path to your occupational goal*





## CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ADVISING AND STUDENT SUCCESS

Cal State Monterey Bay is proud to offer exceptional academic advising services through the Center for Advising and Student Success. Our mission is to deliver equitable and culturally responsive academic, and student success advising, empowering CSUMB undergraduates to reach their educational goals and prepare for a successful future beyond graduation.

To schedule an appointment with one of our dedicated advisors, students can use the Advising Portal app in their CSUMB Dashboard.

For more information, please visit our website. If you encounter any difficulties while scheduling an appointment, please feel free to call us at 831-582-3937. We are here to support you every step of the way.

Other Important Information to help you Raft Up with the Center for Advising and Student Success are:



**Website**



**Find your  
advisor**



**Step-by-Step  
Video Tutorials**



# CATALOG INFORMATION

Including catalog rights and degree programs



See the catalog

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Official descriptions of every course
- Detailed graduation requirements
- A complete listing of all undergraduate and postgraduate degrees
- Detailed requirements for every major, minor, and postgraduate degree program, as well as credentials and certificates
- Academic policies, CSU system-wide, and campus policies
- Fees and financial aid

### BACHELOR OF ART

- ✦ Cinematic Arts & Technology (CART), B.A.
- ✦ Environmental Studies (ENVS), B.A.
- ✦ Ethnic & Gender Studies (EGS), B.A.
- ✦ Global Studies (GS), B.A.
- ✦ Humanities & Communication (HCOM), B.A.
- ✦ Japanese Language & Culture (JAPN), B.A.
- ✦ Liberal Studies (LS), B.A.
- ✦ Liberal Studies, B.A. + Credential
- ✦ Music (MPA), B.A.
- ✦ Psychology (PSY), B.A.
- ✦ Social & Behavioral Sciences (SBS), B.A.
- ✦ Sociology, BA
- ✦ Spanish Language & Hispanic Cultures (SPAN), B.A.
- ✦ Visual & Public Art (VPA), B.A.

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

- ✦ Nursing (NURS), B.S.N.

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- ✦ Agricultural Plant & Soil Sciences (AGPS), B.S.
- ✦ Biology (BIO), B.S.
- ✦ Biology, BS + Credential
- ✦ Business Administration (BUS), B.S.
- ✦ Collaborative Health & Human Services (CHHS), B.S.
- ✦ Communication Design (CST), B.S.
- ✦ Computer Science (CS), B.S.
- ✦ Computer Science (CS), BS Online Degree Completion
- ✦ Environmental Science, Technology & Policy (ENSTU), B.S.
- ✦ Human Development & Family Science (HDFS), B.S.
- ✦ Kinesiology (KIN), B.S.
- ✦ Marine Science (MSCI), B.S.
- ✦ Mathematics (MATH), B.S.
- ✦ Mechatronics Engineering, BS
- ✦ Statistics (STAT), B.S.
- ✦ Sustainable Hospitality Management (HOSP), B.S.





## MINORS

- ▣ Anthropology, Minor
- ▣ Biology, Minor
- ▣ Business Administration, Minor
- ▣ Chemistry, Minor
- ▣ Chicana Studies, Minor
- ▣ Cinematic Arts & Technology, Minor
- ▣ Communication Design, Minor
- ▣ Community Health Education, Minor
- ▣ Computer Science, Minor
- ▣ Creative Writing & Social Action, Minor
- ▣ Data Science Minor
- ▣ Education, Minor
- ▣ Environmental Health Policy, Minor
- ▣ Environmental Science, Minor
- ▣ Environmental Studies, Minor
- ▣ Ethnic & Gender Studies Minor
- ▣ Global Studies, Minor
- ▣ Health & Wellness, Minor
- ▣ Hispanic Cultures & History, Minor
- ▣ Human Development & Family Science, Minor
- ▣ Human Movement, Minor
- ▣ Humanities & Communication, Minor
- ▣ International Health Policy, Minor
- ▣ Japanese Culture & History, Minor
- ▣ Japanese Language & Culture, Minor
- ▣ Journalism & Media Studies, Minor
- ▣ Latin American Studies, Minor
- ▣ Mathematics, Minor
- ▣ Music, Minor
- ▣ Nonprofit Management, Minor
- ▣ Peace Studies, Minor
- ▣ Pre-Law, Minor
- ▣ Psychology, Minor
- ▣ Social Justice & Community Leadership, Minor
- ▣ Social Work, Minor
- ▣ Sociology, Minor
- ▣ Spanish Language & Hispanic Cultures, Minor
- ▣ Statistics, Minor
- ▣ Visual & Public Art, Minor
- ▣ Writing & Rhetoric, Minor





# DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

## GETTING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

### General Education

The State of California requires completion of a 48 unit General Education Breadth program which includes a minimum of 9 upper division GE semester units taken no sooner than the term in which the student achieves upper division status (60+ units).

[LISTS OF COURSES](#)

[APPLY FOR GRADUATION](#)

[GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS](#)



## UNDERGRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

### General Education ↗

The State of California requires completion of a 48 unit General Education Breadth program which includes a minimum of 9 upper division GE semester units taken no sooner than the term in which the student achieves upper division status (60+ units).

### First Year Seminar ↗

Students entering CSUMB as Freshman or Lower Division Transfer Students with fewer than 15 units are required to complete FYS. This course will also meet one of the lower division A-F GE requirements.

### American Institutions ↗

The CSU requires each student receiving a baccalaureate degree to be knowledgeable about the Constitution of the United States, American history, and state and local government. Courses fulfilling the US History portion of this requirement may also satisfy the Areas C, D, or F GE requirements; courses fulfilling the Civics portion of this requirement also satisfy the Area D GE requirement.

### World Culture/Language ↗

World Culture/Language is a CSUMB requirement that has a different focus, depending on the major program of study. For Liberal Studies majors and for majors that lead to a BS degree, students must successfully complete an approved World Culture/Language course. For majors that lead to a BA degree, students must demonstrate second language proficiency through the 201 level.

### Upper Division Service Learning ↗

Upper Division Service Learning is a CSUMB requirement that is met by successfully completing a 300- or 400-level, S-tagged GE or Major course. All Upper Division Service Learning courses require students to complete a minimum of 25 hours of community service. All Upper Division Service Learning courses teach to learning outcomes related to: Self and Social Awareness; Service and Social Responsibility; and, Action for Systemic Change. Students should consult an advisor for more information.

### Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) ↗

The CSU requires every student to demonstrate competence in writing skills

at the upper division level to qualify for the baccalaureate degree. There are major-required courses in most every undergraduate degree program at CSUMB that satisfy the GWAR. Students should consult with their academic advisor, as [GWAR-approved courses](#) may also satisfy upper division general education requirements in addition to major requirements.

### Major Requirements

The State of California requires students to complete a minimum of 24 units in their major program of study (36 units for a BS). These units are earned through successful completion of required courses, outcomes, and experiences. Students should reference the University Catalog to identify specific program requirements.

### Major Learning Outcomes

All CSUMB major degree programs have a set of learning outcomes that students must satisfy through aligned courses or alternate assessments, as designed by the program. The University Catalog lists the MLOs for each degree program.

### Concentrations

Many degree programs require students to select a particular area of study within the major in order to attain greater depth of knowledge and understanding. The University Catalog will indicate the options available to students.

### Minors

CSUMB offers more than 35 different minor programs, providing an excellent opportunity for students to develop knowledge, skills, and abilities outside of their major area of focus.

### Free Electives

The State of California requires a minimum of 120 semester units to be eligible for a baccalaureate degree. Students who complete general education and major requirements in fewer than 120 semester units are able to select additional courses as needed to meet the state requirement.

### Requirements & Entry Status

If you enter CSUMB as a freshman, you must fulfill all requirements while at CSUMB.





If you enter as a transfer student from a community college or another university, the specific requirements depend on your status when you enter CSUMB. Read on for more detail.

### Transfer Students with Fully Certified GE Breadth Requirements

If you transfer from another California institution with fully certified [GE Breadth Requirements](#) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), you automatically satisfy Lower Division GE Requirements. You still need to satisfy the nine (9) units of Upper Division GE, inclusive of American Institutions (D4) and GWAR (A4), the [CSUMB Language Proficiency Requirement](#), all major requirements and the minimum semester credit requirements. No more than 39 semester credits of GE credit certified by other institutions will be applied to the GE requirements at CSUMB.

### Transfer Students without Fully Certified GE Breadth Requirements

If you enter CSUMB without having fully certified all [GE Breadth Requirements](#) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), you must complete all unmet GE Breadth Requirements through the corresponding CSUMB GE courses, with no less than nine semester credits at the upper-division level after achieving upper-division status. [CSUMB Admissions](#) certifies

which GE area(s) you have met. You also need to satisfy the [CSUMB Language Proficiency Requirement](#), all major requirements and the minimum semester credit requirements.

### Entering as a Second Bachelor's Degree Student

Students who hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education may be admitted to CSUMB as a post-baccalaureate student.

In order to complete a second bachelor's degree at CSUMB you are required to:

1. Complete a minimum of 30 units in residence at CSUMB beyond the first bachelor's degree. Of the 30 units, 24 must be upper division in the major.
2. Complete all Major Requirements for a CSUMB bachelor's degree.
3. Earn a minimum 2.0 GPA for all CSUMB, cumulative and major course work comprising the second bachelor's degree.

### Minimum GPA Requirement

The CSU system requires a minimum grade point average of 2.00 for courses in each of the following groupings:

- Cumulative total credits attempted, including all transfer courses
- All credits attempted in your major
- All credits attempted at CSUMB

## Minimum Credit Requirements

The California Educational Code Title V requirements for California State University specify that you must complete a minimum number of credits in several categories. The minimum semester credit requirements are as follows:

#### TOTAL CREDITS

- 40 upper-division
- 70 maximum from community college 120-135 total, depending on major

#### CREDITS IN RESIDENCE AT CSUMB

- 24 upper division
- 12 upper division in major 9 in General Education
- 30 total

#### CREDITS IN GENERAL EDUCATION

- 9 upper division after achieving upper-division status
- 48 total

#### CREDITS IN MAJOR

Bachelor of Arts

- 12 upper division
- 12 upper division in residence at CSUMB 24 total

Bachelor of Science

- 18 upper division
- 12 upper division in residence at CSUMB 36 total

#### CREDITS IN MINOR (optional)

- 6 upper division
- 12 total







## HOW TO APPLY TO GRADUATE

**BACHELOR'S  
DEGREE**

**MASTER'S  
DEGREE**

**DEADLINES  
& FEES**





## BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Meet with the academic advisor for your major to review your academic record and determine the term in which you will be completing your final degree requirements.

### Submitting your application for graduation

Students may submit their graduation application online from their OASIS account. Please visit the [OASIS](#) page for instructions on this process. Students should contact [graduation@csumb.edu](mailto:graduation@csumb.edu) for troubleshooting assistance if they are unable to submit their application online.

**Note:** After submitting a graduation application, students must contact the Office of the Registrar within two weeks of the application date to report any incorrect application information and avoid any additional fees.

### What to expect after applying to graduate

After applying to graduate, the Graduation Team will review your student records and make any necessary updates to your Academic Requirements Report in OASIS. You will be notified via CSUMB email once the review is completed. Applying on time is advantageous as it may reduce the time in which your records are reviewed.

It is your responsibility to review your Academic Requirements Report. Any areas that do not show as completed will need to be fulfilled before your degree can be awarded. If you have any questions, please contact the Graduation Team or visit your advisor.

### Making changes to major requirements after you have applied to graduate

If you need to complete an alternate course for your major or minor, please work with your academic advisor to submit a substitution request in OASIS. Once a substitution request is submitted, it may take up to 2 weeks to be processed in OASIS.

### Changing your graduation date

If you are required to change your graduation date to a future term, you will need to submit a new graduation application with the appropriate processing fee online in OASIS to update your student record.

### Final degree verification

After the end of the term in which you have applied to graduate, a final review of your academic record will be completed. Please keep in mind that all academic coursework must have been completed by the end of the assessment period of the term in which you have applied to graduate. If coursework was completed after the assessment period, you will need to change your graduation date to a future term.

If all degree requirements have been met, your degree will be awarded.

If all degree requirements have NOT been met, you will be notified via CSUMB email of any outstanding degree requirements with further instructions. It is recommended that you contact your Graduation Counselor with any questions upon receipt of this notice.

### Diplomas

Visit the [Diploma Information website](#) for information about diplomas.

If you would like to order additional copies of your diploma, please use the Diploma Replacement Form.

### Commencement information

Visit the [Commencement Ceremony website](#) for information about the event.

The commencement ceremony celebrates the achievements of all eligible graduation candidates. Participation in commencement is voluntary and does not guarantee that a student's degree will be awarded. The completion of all degree requirements will be confirmed by a Graduation Counselor after final grades are posted at the end of each semester (refer to The Final Degree Check section above). Students do not receive their diploma at the commencement ceremony.



## MASTER'S DEGREE

Meet with your program advisor to review your academic record and determine the term in which you will be completing your final degree requirements. Graduate students must have their completed Advancement to Candidacy on file in the Office of the Registrar prior to the term for which they have applied to graduate. Please visit the [OASIS Help](#) page for instructions on this process.

### Submitting your application for graduation

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### What to expect after applying to graduate

During the term in which you have applied to graduate, the Graduation Counselor will notify your department of any outstanding degree requirements. Your department will contact you with this information.

In addition to all major requirements, the Graduation Counselor will also check for the following:

1. Continuous Enrollment
2. All CSU/CSUMB GPA, unit, and additional degree requirements
3. Terms you attained Classified Standing and Advanced to Candidacy

### Making changes to major requirements after you have applied to graduate

If you need to complete an alternate course for your program, please work with your academic advisor to submit a substitution request in OASIS. Once a substitution request is submitted, it may take up to 2 weeks to be processed in OASIS.

### Changing your graduation date

If you are required to change your graduation date to a future term, you will need to complete the graduation application process to change your date online in OASIS.

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# FINANCIAL AID

## WHO QUALIFIES FOR AID? ↗

Students who are applying for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must meet the following requirements listed on the website.

## TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ↗

There are several Different types of Financial aid that you can receive, including grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study. Most of these awards require a FAFSA or CADAA submitted by the priority deadline.

## FEDERAL WORK STUDY AND STUDENT EMPLOYMENT ↗

Federal Work Study is a federally funded program that provides employment opportunities to students with the highest financial need. Placement is limited.

## DEADLINES ↗

### Add/drop deadline:

Grants may be recalculated if a change in enrollment occurs after the add/drop deadline. The student is responsible for paying additional fees assessed and/or any amount of ineligible Financial Aid as a result of decreased enrollment.

How to contact us in person, phone call, email, zoom hours, appointment through the Advising Portal



Visit the **Financial Aid website** for more detailed information

### CSUMB Financial aid

- [Scholarships](#)

831-582-5100

[financial\\_aid@csumb.edu](mailto:financial_aid@csumb.edu)

Office hours:

Monday to Friday, 9 am -4 pm

### Federal Student Aid

1800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)

- **Free application:** [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)
- **CSUMB School Code:** 032603

### California Aid and More

- **Cal Grant Website:** [csac.ca.gov](http://csac.ca.gov)
- **California Student Aid Commission**  
1-888-224-7268
- [External Scholarships](#)
- [Loan Payment Calculator](#)



## HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON YOUR OASIS ACCOUNT

### Online payments

Log in to your CSUMB Dashboard/OASIS to make your payment

For your convenience, CSUMB offers four online payment options to current CSUMB students:

- Electronic Check (eCheck) No Fee!
- Credit Card or Debit Card
- 529 Savings Plan
- International Payment

Students can access Online Payments via their Dashboard within their OASIS/Student Center. Students can also set up an account for another payor once they log in to OASIS and click on the "Make a Payment" link.

### What you should know before you make an e-check payment

- There is no fee for using the eCheck online payment option.
- You will need to have the routing number and checking account number (Call your bank to confirm all account information and eCheck (ACH) use).

### Accounts that are not generally accepted on the eCheck site:

- Money Market Accounts
  - Educational Fund Accounts
  - Credit Union Accounts
  - Savings Accounts
  - Loan Checks
1. Account numbers printed on ATM or Check Cards are not acceptable for online payments.
  2. Incorrect account information will result in a Returned eCheck Fee.

### Know this before you make a credit card payment

1. There is a non-refundable 2.65% convenience fee charge
2. To process your payment, you will need to have the card number, expiration date, billing address and the 3 - 4 digit card ID.

Learn more



Detailed instructions on how to make an online payment.

Email Us



At [onestop@csumb.edu](mailto:onestop@csumb.edu) with any questions.

*If you still have questions after reading the information below, please email us at [onestop@csumb.edu](mailto:onestop@csumb.edu) or call 831-582-5100 so we can assist you. We are answering emails hourly. You can also chat with us by logging in to your CSUMB Dashboard and clicking on the chat button at the bottom, right side of your Dashboard.*







Housing



Dining

# HOUSING

California State University, Monterey Bay, has housing and dining options to fit your lifestyle.

## HOW TO APPLY ↗

Finding the perfect place to live is an important part of your college journey, and we're here to make the process as seamless as possible. Whether you're a new student looking for your first on-campus housing experience or a returning student seeking accommodations for the upcoming year, we are here to help. We'll walk you through the steps and ensure you have a comfortable place to call home during your academic adventure.

## RESIDENCE HALLS ↗

Located around the heart of campus, our eight Residence Halls (Cypress, Asilomar, Manzanita, Willet, Yarrow, Avocet, Tortuga, and Sanderling) provide easy access to food, entertainment, and campus services. Each building has a mailroom, laundry room, fully equipped kitchen, and lounge area. Depending on the building, occupants may have double or triple occupancy rooms with bathrooms shared amongst suite-mates.

## NORTH QUAD ↗

North Quad includes Pinnacles, Vineyard, and Strawberry Apartments. CSUMB second year students and above live in these areas on Main Campus. Pinnacles and Vineyard offers single or double occupancy rooms in either a two bedroom, one bath or a four bedroom, two bath configuration. Strawberry Apartments offers a kitchen and living space in four bedroom, two bath and two bedroom, 1 bath configurations.

## PROMONTORY ↗

CSUMB students with 60 units and up are eligible to live in Promontory Apartments on Main Campus. Promontory has two-, three-, and four-room apartment options with single occupancy bedrooms and double occupancy bedrooms. Each bedroom has a bathroom and each apartment style includes a kitchen and washer and dryer in the unit.

## EAST CAMPUS ↗

CSUMB students with families, graduate students, earned a minimum of 90 units, and those 21 years of age and older are eligible to live in these apartments. The two bedroom, one bath apartments offer a convenient commute to university classes and campus activities.

**HOUSING  
COMPARISON CHART**

Use our Housing Comparison Chart to see a side-by-side comparison of our housing options.

**STUDENT HOUSING  
360° VIRTUAL TOURS**

Take a 360° virtual reality tour of our residence halls, suites, and apartments.





## **INCLUSIVE HOUSING**

### **Disability Inclusive Housing**

Requests for CSUMB campus housing accommodations based on medical, psychological, hearing, or other disability related needs are processed by Student Disability and Accessibility Center (SDAC) in consultation with Student Housing and Residential Life and other CSUMB departments as needed.



Private Housing  
Accommodation  
Policy

### **Plan Ahead**

In order for your disability-related requests for specific housing accommodations to be fully considered by CSUMB. Some disability-related housing accommodations may take up to six months to implement. Students should contact CSUMB Student Disability and Accessibility Center (SDAC) as soon as possible to address concerns in the process of requesting and obtaining housing accommodations related to disability.

If you are new to Student Disability and Accessibility Center (SDAC) and have not yet received disability accommodations, you need to register with SDAC first. For additional information and to start the registration process, please check out [SDAC Housing Accommodations](#).

### **Gender Inclusive Housing**

Gender Inclusive Housing was brought to CSUMB with the goal of creating environments for students all across the gender spectrum to feel safe, included, and welcomed within their housing community. We have been a leader in this effort across the CSU system, often working with other universities to explain our process, thought, and attention given to it.

Gender Inclusive Communities are located on Main Quad (LGBTQA+ Living Learning Program), North Quad (2nd floor of Vineyard and 2nd floor of Strawberry Apartments), and Promontory (2nd floor of Prom East (A)).

## **COMMUNITY STANDARDS**

It is the responsibility of each individual to know and abide by these Community Standards, in addition to the CSU Monterey Bay Policies and Regulations and Student Code of Conduct. To carry out its work of teaching, research, and public service, CSU Monterey Bay faculty, staff, administrators, and students have an obligation to maintain conditions under which the university can proceed freely. This is done by the highest standards of quality, institutional integrity, and freedom of expression, with full recognition by all concerned about the university community's rights, privileges, and responsibilities. Each community member is responsible for maintaining an environment conducive to achieving the university's mission.





# DINING & WHERE TO EAT ON CAMPUS



Visit the Dining Services website



Dining Map



Hours of operation

## Contact Otter Kitchens

Call: 831-582-4598

Text2Chat: 831-273-5311

otterkitchens@gmail.com

Building: 1112 Inter-Garrison Road, Seaside, CA 93955

### Office Hours:

Mon-Fri: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5-8 p.m.

Sat-Sun: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m

## WHERE TO EAT



### Otter Express

- Beer and Wine Service
- Market Otter Express
- Wild Pie
- Create: Salad, Sandwiches and wraps



### Tanimura and Antle Family Memorial Library

- Library Café



### Otter Student Union

- Sono ↶
- Burger 831
- Ace Sushi
- The Sea Store Market
- Starbucks



## CSUMB DINING COMMONS

### Welcome to the Eatery!

For one meal swipe or single meal purchase, you have access to The Eatery, our all-you-care-to-eat residential dining commons, showcasing eight all-inclusive dining concepts.



### Monte's Oasis

## Wellness and Sustainability

- ↶ Dietitian
- ↶ Dietary Restrictions Guide
- ↶ Food Safety
- ↶ Wellness Guide
- ↶ Sustainability



# TRANSPORTATION & PARKING



Transportation  
Resources

The CSUMB campus and the larger Monterey area are accessible by mobility options besides driving alone. Explore what modes work for you.

## Alternative Transportation Options

- Bikes, scooters, skateboards
- MTS and bikes
- Bike paths and maps
- Bike parking
- Emergency Ride home
- EV charging

## VISITOR PARKING

A limited number of green short-term visitor parking spaces are available on campus for vehicles without parking permits. Parking in short-term visitor parking spaces is limited to the period of time displayed on the sign. Vehicles parked in excess of the posted time may be issued a parking citation. If no short-term visitor parking is available, a [daily permit](#) must be purchased. Vehicles with CSUMB parking permits, including North Quad, Promontory, or East Campus, are not allowed to park in short-term visitor parking spaces and may be cited.

## PARKING PERMITS

[Purchase a permit online](#) or for a planned visit: Single Day, Multi day, Semester, Academic Year, Calendar Year.

### On Campus Parking Permit Purchase

Purchase a parking permit the day of your visit. When on campus look for the yellow parking permit kiosk. Parking kiosks can be found on [this map](#) and marked with a blue circle with the letter P inside.

When purchased from a permit dispenser daily permits may be:

- Purchased for one, two, or three consecutive days.

- Purchased only on the time/date needed. Daily permits are valid in all parking spaces except special use spaces such as those designated for visitors, the disabled, state vehicles, and service vehicles. They are not valid in Promontory.

## METERED PARKING

You may pay for parking with coins or with the ParkMobile app. If you choose to use the app, it is recommended that you set up your ParkMobile account prior to your visit to campus to expedite your parking experience at the metered locations.



Download  
the ParkMobile  
app

There are six locations with metered parking stalls on campus.

- Otter Sports Complex (BLDG 90) in lot 90.
- Campus Health Center (BLDG 80) in lot 80.
- Student Center (BLDG 12) and OSU (BLDG 552) in lot 16.
- Avocet Hall (BLDG 208) in lot 208.
- At IT Services (BLDG 43), across from University Center (BLDG 29) in lot 42.
- Parking Permit Types

## MAIN CAMPUS SEMESTER

Valid for Fall OR Spring semester only. Fall permits will expire on January 15. Spring permits will expire on May 31. This permit is NOT valid in North Quad Housing, Promontory Housing or Frederick Park, or Schoonover Park (East Campus) Housing.





## MAIN CAMPUS ACADEMIC

Valid for Fall AND Spring semesters this permit will expire on May 31. This permit is NOT valid in North Quad Housing, Promontory Housing, Frederick Park, or Schoonover Park (East Campus) Housing.

## MAIN CAMPUS ANNUAL

Valid for FALL, SPRING and SUMMER. The permit expires on August 31. This permit is NOT valid in North Quad Housing, Promontory Housing or Frederick Park, or Schoonover Park (East Campus) Housing.

## MAIN CAMPUS SUMMER

The Summer permit is valid for SUMMER session only and expires on August 31. This permit is NOT valid in North Quad Housing, Promontory Housing or Frederick Park, or Schoonover Park (East Campus) Housing.

## NORTH QUAD PERMITS

North Quad semester permit is valid for Fall OR Spring semester only. Fall permits will expire on January 15 and Spring permits will expire on May 31. North Quad Academic permit is valid for Fall AND Spring semesters and will expire on May 31. North Quad permits are available ONLY for North Quad residents and are NOT valid outside of North Quad parking lots 300 and 301. If you are a resident and are not given access to purchase this type of permit, email [parking@csumb.edu](mailto:parking@csumb.edu) and include your OtterID in the email.

## PROMONTORY PERMITS

Promontory semester permit is valid for Fall OR Spring semester only. Fall permits will expire on January 15 and Spring permits will expire on May 31. Promontory Academic permit is valid for Fall AND Spring semesters and will expire on May 31. A limited number of permits are available for purchase. Once permits are sold out no additional permits will be available until the following semester. Promontory permits are available ONLY to Promontory residents and are NOT valid outside of Promontory parking lot. If you are a resident and are not given access to purchase this type of permit, email [parking@csumb.edu](mailto:parking@csumb.edu) and include your OtterID in the email.

## MOTORCYCLE

Motorcycle permits are only valid on two-wheel motor driven vehicles. Motorcycle permits are not valid on four wheel vehicles.

## FREDERICK PARK

Residents of Frederick Park can order their free residential permit by clicking on the Buy Permit button. This permit is only available to residents of Frederick Park. This permit is only valid in Frederick Park Housing areas and is NOT valid in Schoonover Park, Main Campus, North Quad or Promontory parking lots. If you are a resident and are not given access to purchase this type of permit, email [parking@csumb.edu](mailto:parking@csumb.edu) and include your OtterID in the email.

## SCHOONOVER PARK PERMITS

Can be obtained at the Greystar Company located at 601 Thomas Court. Permits are only issued to vehicles registered to the residents of each unit. There is no charge for Schoonover Park permits. Schoonover Park permits are not valid in Frederick Park, Main Campus, North Quad or Promontory parking lots.

## PARKING LOT INFORMATION

Detailed information about what features and services each parking lot has can be found by navigation to the [Parking Lot site](#).

## CITATIONS

Parking citations (Notices of Parking Violations) are issued by the University Police Department in an effort to enforce the regulations outlined in the CSUMB Traffic and Parking Regulations.

## PAY A CITATION

Cash payments are not accepted. However, there is a pay station in the lobby that will accept Visa, Discover, American Express, Master Card, and e-check.

Parking citations can be paid or contested online.



**Pay a parking citation**



## CONTEST A CITATION

If you wish to contest a Notice of Parking Violation issued by the UPD, you must follow the following procedures:

### 1. Administrative Review Process

Within 21 days after the issuance of a Notice of Parking Violation or within 14 days from the mailing of a Notice of Delinquent Parking Violation, you may contest the Notice of Parking Violation online at [pmbonline.org](http://pmbonline.org).

You will receive an e-mail notification from the UPD whether your request for cancellation is approved or denied. If your Request for Citation Review is denied, you may request an Administrative Hearing.

### 2. Administrative Hearing Process

An Administrative Hearing provides you the opportunity to contest a Notice of Parking Violation after an Administrative Review. (40200.7 CVC)

To obtain an Administrative Hearing you must request it within 21 days of the determination of the Administrative Review (first level). To request an Administrative Hearing, you must contact PMB at 1-800-700-4417.

### 3. Court Review

To request a court review you must, within 30 days of mailing of the Hearing Examiner's decision, file a request for review with the Monterey County Municipal Court. (40230(b) CVC)

To request a Court appeal, you must contact the Parking Management Bureau at 1-800-700-4417. The Court requires a \$25.00 filing fee to process an appeal.

The court receives and reviews the file of the Administrative Review and the Administrative Hearing. The reviewer renders a decision and notifies the UPD and the appellant (you).

There are no provisions under law to conduct administrative reviews or administrative hearings if statutory time limits for filing are not met. If the time frames outlined above are not met, all parking penalties and late fees must be paid.

## PENALTY REDUCTION

Individuals cited for failure to display a valid CSUMB parking permit are eligible for a reduced penalty of \$20 if the following criteria are met:

- Ownership of a valid CSUMB parking permit prior to the time the citation was written as verified by the Parking Services staff.
- The citation must be disputed online and the required information to confirm ownership prior to the citation being issued must be provided. The payment procedure remains unchanged.
- Payment prior to the imposition of late fees must be made.

## FINE REDUCTION

Individuals cited for failure to display a valid CSUMB parking permit are eligible for a fine reduction that lowers the penalty to \$20 if the following criteria are met:

- Ownership of a valid CSUMB parking permit prior to the time the citation was written and verified by the Parking Services staff.

To request a fine reduction the citation must be disputed online through the administrative review process. The required information to confirm ownership of a permit prior to the citation being issued must be provided.

The request for a fine reduction must be made before late fees have been applied.





# STUDENT RESOURCES

## Emergency and Safety Information

In case of an emergency, please contact 9-1-1

For Non-emergencies, contact 24-Hour Non-Emergency: 831-655-0268

Emergency Conditions: 831-582-5044

OTTERalert is CSUMB's emergency notification system. It delivers time-sensitive emergency notifications via email, text-messaging, and outdoor warning sirens to all members of the CSUMB community.

OTTERalert emails come from CSUMB@everbridge.com or noreply@everbridge.net

OTTERalert texts come from 893-61.

Depending on the situation, the campus speaker system may be used.

To stop receiving the text alerts, reply STOP to the message.

## University Police Department

If you are a victim or a witness of a crime, report it to the University Police Department as soon as possible either in person or by calling 831-655-0268. Community members may provide tips regarding crimes anonymously either by calling 831-582-4747 or online.

## Title IX/Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation (DHR)

To learn more about the Title IX/DHR office, please visit <https://csumb.edu/titleix/>

To file a report, please utilize the reporting tool.

## Clery

The Clery Act requires higher education institutions to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses, and is enforced by the United States Department of Education.

## Student Services

The Campus Service Center is located in the Student Services Building (bldg 47).  
Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

831-582-5100  
onestop@csumb.edu

## Office of Admissions

831-582-3738

Student Services: 100 Campus Center, Building #47,  
Seaside, CA 93955  
Mon to Fri from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Center for Advising, Career, and Student Success

CACSS office is open Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 5 pm.  
Evening advising is available via Zoom.

Library 3180

831-582-3937

advising@csumb.edu

**Instagram:** csumb\_advising

## Facilities Management

### Financial Aid

831-582-5100

5283 Sixth Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955  
Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Student Housing and Residential Life

831-582-3378

Student Center, Building 12  
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Otter Kitchens

**Call:** (831) 582-4598 || **Text2Chat:** (831) 273-5311  
otterkitchens@gmail.com

1112 Inter-Garrison Road, Seaside, CA 93955

Mon-Fri: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5-8 p.m.

Sat-Sun: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Basic Needs

831-582-3511 or 831-582-3522  
basicneeds@csumb.edu

Student Center, Building 12, Room 152  
Enter the double glass doors and turn right!  
Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Student Life

831-582-4081

deanofstudents@csumb.edu

Sand Hall, Building 8

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



### Physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness

Each of the services comprising Health & Wellness Services at CSUMB — the Campus Health Center, Health Promotion and Education, Campus Advocate, Campus Chaplains, Personal Growth and Counseling Center, and Student Disability and Accessibility Center — strive to assist members of the CSUMB community in achieving and maintaining physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness.

#### Campus Advocate ↗

The Campus Advocate is a confidential survivor advocate from Monterey County Rape Crisis Center serving the CSUMB community.

**Call or text:** 831-402-9477

**24/7 line (call only):** 831-375-4357

[campusadvocate@csumb.edu](mailto:campusadvocate@csumb.edu)

#### Campus Chaplaincy and Spiritual Support ↗

The Campus Chaplains provides interfaith and interdenominational pastoral care and resources.

831-582-3969

Building 80

**Office Hours:** Available upon request

#### Campus Health Center ↗

The Campus Health Center (CHC) provides urgent, primary, and diagnostic care, as well as referral services to students, faculty, staff, their dependents, and guests of the CSUMB community. The CHC's staff of medical professionals is dedicated to meeting patient needs and promoting wellness and independence.

831-582-3965

Building 80, 6012 General Jim Moore, Marina, CA 93933

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Clery Act Reporting

(Crime Statistics and the Annual Security and Fire Safety Reports)

831-582-4299

[clerycompliance@csumb.edu](mailto:clerycompliance@csumb.edu)

Monday Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[csumb.edu/clery](http://csumb.edu/clery)

#### Health Promotion and Education ↗

Health Promotion and Education encourages and enhances student's practices of wellness.

831-582-4437

Building 80, 6012 General Jim Moore, Marina, CA 93933

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Personal Growth & Counseling Center ↗

The Personal Growth & Counseling Center (PGCC) is dedicated to improving the quality of CSUMB students' lives and aiding them in achieving academic success. The multi-disciplinary staff are committed to the development of the whole person and provide high-quality crisis intervention, counseling, consultation, educational outreach programs, support programs, and referrals all designed to help students.

831-582-3969

[counseling\\_center@csumb.edu](mailto:counseling_center@csumb.edu)

Building 80, 6012 General Jim Moore, Marina, CA 93933

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 5 p.m.

#### Student Disability and Accessibility Center (SDAC) ↗

The Student Disability and Accessibility Center promotes the empowerment, wellness, and full integration of students with disabilities into campus life and the campus community. SDAC provides support services to students with disabilities to help them attain equitable access at CSUMB.

831-582-3672

[SDAC@csumb.edu](mailto:SDAC@csumb.edu)

Building 80, Room 110 6012 General Jim Moore Blvd.

Seaside, CA 93955

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. -

5:00 p.m.

#### OTTER CARDS ↗

831-582-5100

[onestop@csumb.edu](mailto:onestop@csumb.edu)

Campus Service Center, located in the Student Services

Building (bldg. 47)

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

#### MyRaft ↗

[Traditions](#)

#### Fitness & Recreation ↗

Visit the Recreation Service Desk in the Student Center, email any questions Outdoor Recreation, or call 831-582-4617.

#### Career Development

831-582-3937

[career\\_development@csumb.edu](mailto:career_development@csumb.edu)

3054 Divarty Street, Seaside, CA 93955

#### College Assistance Migrant Program ↗

831-582-3460

[camp@csumb.edu](mailto:camp@csumb.edu)

Building: 47

Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Educational Opportunity Program ↗

831-582-3841

[eop@csumb.edu](mailto:eop@csumb.edu)

5283 Sixth Avenue, Bldg 47, Seaside, CA 93955

Monday- Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### The Guardian Scholars Program ↗

831-582-5042

[guardianscholars@csumb.edu](mailto:guardianscholars@csumb.edu)

Guardian Scholars Program 100 Campus Center

Student Services Building 47- 1st Floor Seaside, CA

93955

Monday to Friday, 8a.m - 5 p.m.

#### TRIO! ↗

831-582-4451

[sss@csumb.edu](mailto:sss@csumb.edu)





Building 47  
Monday - Friday 8am-5pm Virtual AND In-person!

### **Undocu-Success Center** ↗

831-582-5414  
undocusuccess@csumb.edu

Student Services Building 47 Room 120  
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM -5:00 PM

### **Pre-college Programs** ↗

831-582-3960

Ryan Ranch  
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **Otter Student Union (OSU)** ↗

The Otter Student Union (OSU) is committed to providing a welcoming, inclusive and engaging space on campus. It is designed with dynamic areas to cater to a broad range of student interests and needs, making it a hub for social activities, quiet reflection, dining options, meeting space and more. The OSU at CSU Monterey Bay is a student-centered 501c3 nonprofit organization. OSU's mission is to be the heartbeat of campus and a bridge to surrounding communities, providing spaces, opportunities, and advocacy that cultivate belonging reflective of CSUMB's founding vision.

831-582-3329

Otter Student Union Room 306, 3118 Inter-Garrison Rd.,  
Seaside, CA 93955  
Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **Otter Cross Cultural Center (OC3)** ↗

The Otter Cross Cultural Center (OC3) is committed to advancing the University's vision of diversity, cross-culturalism, and social justice. Our purpose is to promote a learning community of cross-cultural engagement, understanding, and exchange through education, collaboration, dialogue, and action!

831-582-4685  
oc3@csumb.edu

Otter Student Union Room 301, 3118 Inter-Garrison Rd,  
Seaside, CA 93955  
Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **Student Engagement and Leadership Development (SELD)** ↗

831-582-4564  
Send an email

Otter Student Union 304  
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **International Students & Scholar Services**

831-582-4778  
emailinternational@csumb.edu

Gavilan Hall (Bldg 201), Suite #207  
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **The Makerspace**

The Makerspace is a collaborative workspace where students, staff, and faculty can use a variety of tools and materials for free during general access hours. All skill

levels are welcome!

831-582-3849 (email preferred)  
makerspace@csumb.edu

Library Room 3125 Third Floor

### **Library Directory**

#### **General Contact Information Circulation Services**

831-582-3733  
library\_circulation@csumb.edu

#### **Course Reserve Services**

831-582-3897  
library\_course\_reserve@csumb.edu

#### **Interlibrary Loan**

931-582-3870  
library\_document\_delivery@csumb.edu

#### **Research Help Desk**

Ask a Librarian  
831-582-3872

#### **Mailing address:**

CSU Monterey Bay  
Tanimura & Antle Family Memorial Library  
100 Campus Center  
Seaside, CA 93955-8001

### **CSU, Monterey Bay Campus Store** ↗

831-582-5262  
csumb@bkstr.com

3118 Inter Garrison  
Student Union  
Seaside, CA US 93955

### **Information Technology** ↗

831-582-4357 (HELP)  
ltechnology\_help\_desk@csumb.edu

Building 43, 4311 Sixth Avenue Seaside, CA 93955  
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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### **Transfer Student Success Center**

831-582-3648  
transfercenter@csumb.edu

Student Center Room 121  
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 6:30 pm;  
and Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

### **Otter Athletics** ↗

### **Parking Permits** ↗

### **Transportation Resources** ↗

### **Parking** ↗

parking@csumb.edu

### **Night Walk** ↗

Call 831-655-0268 to request a Night Walk.





## LIBRARY

The CSUMB Library provides information resources, user-centered services, and an inviting, collaborative environment to foster intellectual curiosity, sustain scholarship and creativity, and inspire lifelong learning for the diverse community we serve.

### Makerspace

The Makerspace is a collaborative workspace where students, staff, and faculty can use a variety of tools and materials for free during general access hours. All skill levels are welcome!

There is a Maker Library of books related to Makerspace activities. There are computers available with Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop installed. Learn a new skill or use specialty equipment during scheduled workshops or emailing [makerspace@csumb.edu](mailto:makerspace@csumb.edu)

### Quick Links

#### 🔍 [Course Reserves](#)

Find information like required books, prerequisites and teacher information on a course you want to take or will be taking in the future

#### 🔍 [Study Rooms](#)

Is your room too noisy? Reserve a study room in the Library for up to 2 hours and prepare for that test or study with friends

#### 🔍 [Resource Sharing](#)

This is the University Library's searching tool to obtain materials not currently available

(checked out, temporarily unavailable, or we don't own it) The CSU+ Resource Sharing service provides CSUMB students, staff and faculty access to books, journals, digital articles, book chapters and more, all in one place.

#### 🔍 [Online Library Guide](#)

Find helpful resources and guides in the library

#### 🔍 [My Library Account](#)

Check your account for rentals, balances, more information on resources available to you





## LIBRARY QUICK LINKS (cont.)

### Start Your Research

- ↗ Reference and Quick Facts
- ↗ Databases by Subject
- ↗ Subject Research Guides
- ↗ Course Guides
- ↗ Citing Your Sources

### Get Research Help

Chat with a CSUMB librarian!

- ↗ How-to Guides
- ↗ Tutorials and Instruction
- ↗ Ask a Librarian

### More Ways to Search

- ↗ OneSearch ↗ eBooks
- ↗ Articles and Databases
- ↗ List of Journal Titles
- ↗ Video, Audio, Images
- ↗ Digital Commons @ CSUMB
- ↗ Archives and Special Collections
- ↗ Recreational Reading

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INSTRUCTIONAL  
VIDEOS

Library Instructional Videos

## AFFINITY CENTERS AND TRANSFER CENTER

An affinity group is a designated "safe space" where people with a shared identity or experience - based on race, gender, sexual orientation, language, nationality, physical/mental ability, socio-economic class, family structure, religion, etc. - voluntarily come together.

### Affinity Centers and Student Organizations ↗

- ↗ Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA)
- ↗ Black/African Heritage
  - ↗ Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence
- ↗ Chicanx/Latinx
  - ↗ El Centro
- ↗ Family Friendly (students with children)
- ↗ Native American
- ↗ Students with Disabilities (SADE)
- ↗ Rainbow Raft Pride Center (LGBTQ+)
- ↗ Undocu-Success Center (undocumented students)
- ↗ Veterans (U.S. Armed Forces)

### TRANSFER CENTER ↗

Transferring to a university provides new opportunities and challenges. We recognize that you are not new to the college experience, yet you may have many questions, need support, or want to find allies and supporters. The Transfer Student Success Center provides services to assist students with navigating the academic and cultural landscape of CSUMB. In collaboration with campus partners, the TSSC connects students with success services to aid them in their academic, professional, and personal endeavors.



As an Hispanic Serving and Minority Serving Institution, CSUMB works to increase the persistence of students of color through intentional and focused support. The Transfer Student Success Center is guided by values of equity and inclusion, working to engage students in culturally responsive services and support.

### Get matched with a Transfer Peer Mentor!

Develop a peer to peer relationship with an experienced transfer student who can help you:

- Identify challenges
- Set goals
- Navigate CSUMB systems
- Make connections
- Develop strategies for academic success

# OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES

## GROCERY STORES AND MARKETS IN MARINA

- A. Trader Joe's**  
150 10th St, Marina, CA 93933  
831-281-7247
- B. Target**  
Marina Shopping Center  
133 General Stilwell Dr, Marina, CA 93933  
831-883-5720
- C. Lucky's**  
Seacrest Plaza  
270 Reservation Rd, Marina, CA 93933  
831-384-1442
- D. Grocery Outlet**  
Marina Village Shopping Center  
Center, 215 Reservation Rd, Marina, CA 93933  
831-384-4411
- E. El Rancho Market**  
346 Reservation Rd, Marina, CA 93933  
831-384-5151
- F. Asian Market**  
3056 Del Monte Blvd Suite 100, Marina, CA 93933  
831-384-3000
- G. Asian Filipino Market**  
330 Reservation Rd B, Marina, CA 93933  
831-884-0101
- H. Kim's Market**  
218 Reindollar Ave # 1A, Marina, CA 93933  
831-384-4765
- I. Chon's Market**  
265 Carmel Ave, Marina, CA 93933  
831-384-2031
- J. Hong's Market**  
302 Carmel Ave, Marina, CA 93933  
831-384-6343

Marina, CA



# GLOSSARY

California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) has a unique set of words and phrases that are commonly used by its students, faculty, and staff.

## ACADEMIC TERMS

### CACSS

Center for Advising Career Student Success

### ACADEMIC LOAD

Full-time status is 12 units per semester, but students should complete 15 credits per semester to graduate in 4 years.

### ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students falling below a 2.0 GPA in either the campus or cumulative GPA will be placed on academic probation.

### ACADEMIC DISQUALIFICATION

Students on academic probation who fail to make satisfactory progress are subject to academic disqualification. Disqualified students are no longer eligible to enroll in CSUMB courses. Please see <https://csumb.edu/policy/academic-standing-policy> for more information.

### BACCALAUREATE DEGREE (B.A. OR B.S.)

A degree awarded by a four-year college or university.

### CLASS STANDING

Undergraduate students are classified as the following:

Freshman (0 – 29 units), Sophomore (30 – 59 units), Junior (60 – 89 units), and Senior (90 + units).

### CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

Students may be considered continuously enrolled in the university so long as the absence from the university does not exceed one semester.

### CO-REQUISITE

A set of courses that must be completed in the same semester.

### COURSE NUMBERING

Lower division: 100 – 299  
Upper division: 300 – 499  
Graduate level: 500 – 699

### DROP/ADD

Schedule changes during the first two weeks of the semester.

### GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)

Courses which allow CSUMB students to fulfill the general education requirements articulated by the state and CSU system. See online catalog for listing of GE requirements. There are both lower-division GE requirements (39 units in specific areas) and 9 units of upper-division GE in areas B, C, and D

### GRADUATION WRITING ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT (GWAR)

Students are required to demonstrate upper-division level competence in written communication by completing a "GWAR" course that is part of their major.

### GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

The average of all earned grades attempted at CSUMB and transferred from other colleges. GPA is computed by dividing the total number of grade points by the total number of graded units attempted.



**Glossary**  
Academic terms



**Wiki-style**  
Glossary





## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students are responsible for knowing all graduation requirements, which include GEs, MLOs, and university requirements, and can check their Academic Requirements Report.

## INCOMPLETE

An incomplete is a temporary grade used when a student is unable to complete work assignments during the semester but has completed at least 80% of the course and is passing at the time of extenuating circumstances. An incomplete contract is an agreement between the instructor of the course and the student. Requirements must be completed within one year. Outcomes that must be met to complete the requirements of your major program of study.

## PREREQUISITE

A course that must be completed prior to enrolling in another course.

## SHOPPING CART

Where your chosen courses are stored before

moving forward to complete the enrollment process. REMEMBER: Just because you have loaded courses to your shopping cart, does *not* mean you have *enrolled* in those courses.

## SYLLABUS

A course outline of assignments, grading policy, course objectives and required textbooks for a course.

## TRANSCRIPT

An official copy of a student's academic record. Transcripts are available to order online through [studentclearinghouse.org](http://studentclearinghouse.org).

## UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

An unofficial copy of a student's academic record. This document includes work in progress and can be accessed through your OASIS account.

## UPPER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION (UDGE)

Nine units of General Education must be upper division and must be taken after a student has reached junior standing.

## CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

At CSUMB, we dedicate ourselves to our students and our community. Our centers and institutes complement our academic programs, enhancing our community and the central coast. Each center or institute at CSUMB serves specific needs in the tri-county region. This includes boosting the economy, supporting English language learners, improving literacy rates, promoting physical and mental health care, and advocating for sustainability.

## AA-T/AS-T to Bachelor Full Description ↗

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (SB 1440 - Padilla), signed into legislation on September 29, 2010, enables the California Community Colleges and California State University to collaborate on the creation of Associate in Arts Degree (AA) and Associate in Science (AS) Degree transfer programs. This law requires community colleges to grant an associate degree for transfer to a student once a student has met specified general education and major requirements for the degree. Upon completion of the associate degree, the student is eligible for transfer with junior standing into the California State University (CSU) system.

Students are given guaranteed admission into the California State University (CSU) system, and further are given priority consideration when applying to a particular program that has accepted the student's community college major as appropriate preparation for completion of the baccalaureate. The law prohibits the CSU from requiring a transferring student to repeat courses similar to those taken at the community college that counted toward their associate degree for transfer.



**Centers and  
Institutes**



## **Student Services**

### **Physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness**

Each of the services comprising Health & Wellness Services at CSUMB — the Campus Health Center, Health Promotion and Education, Campus Advocate, Campus Chaplains, Personal Growth and Counseling Center, and Student Disability and Accessibility Center —strive to assist members of the CSUMB community in achieving and maintaining physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness.

### **Campus Advocate**

The Campus Advocate supports the campus community with confidential support and guidance regarding sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking and intimate partner violence.

### **Campus Chaplaincy and Spiritual Support**

The Campus Chaplains provides interfaith and interdenominational pastoral care and resources, and supports faith-related clubs, programs and events. Upon request, they may provide on campus Bible study, speak to classrooms and provide one-on-one support. In addition, they host weekly on campus noon prayer and connect students to local houses of worship.

### **The Campus Health Center (CHC)**

The CHC provides urgent, primary, and diagnostic care, as well as referral services to students, faculty, staff, their dependents, and guests of the CSUMB community. Each semester, students pay the CSUMB Health Services fee to receive the CSU-required basic student health services per Executive Order 943. The semester's Health Services fee provides students services at no additional charge including office visits, general exams, ear lavage, peak flow and ten lab tests. Discounted rates are available for additional labs.:

### **Health Promotion and Education**

Health Promotion and Education program provides knowledge and awareness of issues related to personal wellness, including mental health, suicide prevention, sexual assault prevention, nutrition, eating disorders, reproductive health, and the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. They facilitate the adoption and maintenance of positive health behaviors and wellness practices, and offer health education programs, information, and materials to students, and serve as a resource for staff and faculty. They promote awareness of Campus Health Center services and programs, and provide practical experience for peer educators, interns, and other students interested in pursuing health-related careers.

### **Personal Growth & Counseling Center (PGCC)**

Each semester, students pay the CSUMB Mental Health Services fee to receive the CSU-required counseling services per Executive Order 1053, including 24/7 crisis intervention, brief individual counseling, support groups, psycho-educational workshops, educational outreach programs and referrals to resources. The PGCC also supports the campus community with Otter Care trainings, such as Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), Question, Persuade and Response (QPR) and I Can Help.

### **Student Disability and Accessibility Center (SDAC)**

The Student Disability and Accessibility Center supports students with on-campus accommodations for academic courses and housing, according to Executive Order 1111 at no fee. Academic accommodations may include but are not limited to alternative formats,, ASL interpreters, flexible deadlines, note-taking software and services, priority registration, and test-taking accommodations.

### **The Care Team**

Identifies students who may be experiencing distress or have concerns within the university community that could potentially impact student well-being. The team consults in order to generate awareness and plan collaborative responses.



## Basic Needs

Refers to the food, housing and overall wellness security of our community. Having one's basic needs met has a direct impact on the academic performance, mental health, physical health, professional development and holistic wellbeing of our students.

## Residence Halls

Residential Halls are designated for first time freshmen and above. All students wanting to live in the Residence Halls must be matriculated CSU Monterey Bay students working toward a degree. Students must also be enrolled full time each semester they reside on-campus. This means 12 units per semester for undergraduates and at least 8 units per semester for graduate students. Meal plans are required.

## North Quad

North Quad suites are designated for second year residence and above. All students wanting to live in either the Strawberry Apartments, or Vineyard and Pinnacles Suites in the North Quad must be matriculated CSU Monterey Bay students working toward a degree. Students must also be enrolled full time each semester they reside on-campus. This means 12 units per semester for undergraduates and at least 8 units per semester for graduate students.

## Promontory

Promontory is designated for students with 60+ units or above. All students living in Promontory Apartments must be matriculated CSU Monterey Bay students working toward a degree. Students must also be enrolled full time each semester they reside on-campus. This means 12 units per semester for undergraduates and at least 8 units per semester for graduate students.

## East Campus

The Frederick Park Apartments form a student residential community on Cal State Monterey Bay's East Campus. Students with families, graduate students, have earned a minimum of 90 units, and those 21 years of age and older are eligible to live in these apartments. The two bedroom, one bath apartments offer comfortable accommodations and a convenient commute to university classes and campus activities. Residents may commute by car, Monterey Salinas Transit buses, or bicycle

## Living Learning Communities

Where students of similar interests, identities, and/or academic studies live together and participate in intentional learning about their chosen program as a collective. Within a community, students are actively engaged in programs like field trips, dialogue groups, faculty dinners, and increased exposure to opportunities on and off campus.

## The Otter Student Union (OSU)

OSU's mission is to be the heartbeat of campus and a bridge to surrounding communities, providing spaces, opportunities, and advocacy that cultivate belonging reflective of CSUMB's founding vision.

## The Otter Cross Cultural Center (OC3)

OC3 is committed to advancing the University's vision of diversity, cross-culturalism, and social justice. Our purpose is to promote a learning community of cross-cultural engagement, understanding, and exchange through education, collaboration, dialogue, and action!

## Student Engagement and Leadership Development (SELD)

SELD serves a critical role in ensuring the education & development of the whole student and achieving the academic mission of our campus. We are committed to providing a wide array of programs, campus events, leadership initiatives, and civic engagement opportunities to support students' collegiate endeavors from orientation to graduation!





## **The Raft**

A group of Otters who hold hands in support of each other.

MyRaft is CSUMB's student engagement platform where you can register for events, join student organizations, connect with departmental resources and interact socially with other students.

## **OTTER CARDS**

Your OtterCard is your student/faculty/staff identification. You can load money on your OtterCard and use it as a debit card at dining facilities on campus and Campus Bookstore.

## **UNDOCU-SUCCESS CENTER**

Our Mission is to empower scholars who are undocumented of all ethnicities and nationalities in their educational pursuits and foster a supportive campus community dedicated to achieving their educational and personal goals. Undocumented students have a safe space at California State University, Monterey Bay.

## **The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)**

A federally funded program designed to assist students from migrant and seasonal farmworker backgrounds succeed at CSU Monterey Bay. Our CAMP facilitates the transition from high school to college and offers first-year support services to develop the skills necessary to persist and graduate from college. We also provide a family-like atmosphere.

## **Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)**

The EOP is designed to improve the access and retention of low-income and first-generation college students.

## **Guardian Scholars Program**

The Guardian Scholars Program at California State University, Monterey Bay was established in 2012. The program is designed to provide holistic support services to participants. Is dedicated to providing opportunities for students to reach academic, career, and personal goals. The Program provides a community of belonging and opportunities to build relationships with other students who have faced similar situations.

## **TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) and SSS STEM-Health Sciences**

Are federally funded programs through the U.S. Department of Education. Our mission is to contribute to the success of first-generation, low-income students, and individuals with disabilities by supporting and empowering program participants in their academic, personal, and professional growth.

## **Pre-College Programs**

Our department prepares and enriches students through the K-12 years for their destination. Assisting students and parents while successfully transitioning into college. Effectively supporting students until they achieve their goal of earning a college degree.

## **UPD**

University Police Department



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