Graduate Degrees & Programs

Office of Graduate Studies

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Post-baccalaureate students are those who already hold a bachelor’s degree and wish to continue their studies; they may be pursuing a certificate, credential, second bachelor’s, master’s, or doctorate degree. At CSUSB, post-baccalaureate students can choose from more than 40 master’s degree programs and concentrations, as well as a wide range of credential and certificate programs. CSUSB is also one of the few California State University campuses to offer a doctoral program in Educational Leadership. As the university grows, its nationally accredited graduate programs continue to gain recognition and garner awards. Most classes are offered at convenient hours for working students. Financial assistance for research and travel is available, as well as grants, loans, and fellowships aimed at supporting doctoral aspirations and creating a more diverse university faculty.

The Office of Graduate Studies encourages graduate education and works to create programs of quality that respond to the needs of students and of the university’s service area. Additionally, the office administers the M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies, and is responsible for the following functions for all graduate programs:

- Waiver petitions for the seven-year limit for course work, the 12 quarter unit/9 semester unit limit for classification, and leaves of absence
- Petitions by all unclassified post-baccalaureate students
- The Graduate Equity Fellowship Program
- The California Pre-Doctoral Program
- The Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program
- Thesis, project, and dissertation final acceptance and publication
- Graduate admission

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