

# ABOUT CSU

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## Introduction

With nationally distinctive programs in the arts, education, business, nursing – and more – Columbus State University provides deeply personal and relevant college experience that is causing more and more students to pick us as their first choice for higher education. Serving the Southeast while attracting students from around the world, Columbus State thrives on community partnerships to deliver excellence for students who want to achieve personal and professional success in an increasingly global environment.

Just 100 miles southwest of Atlanta, Columbus State University is part of the University System of Georgia, enrolling more than 8,200 students in a wide variety of degree programs, from online degrees to a doctorate in education.

At Columbus State, students experience an interactive learning environment where not just the stellar faculty, but also the staff, other students and community partners care about education. We believe learning is rarely confined to the classroom. Our students learn in the field, in the lab, on the stage, with mentors in Fortune 500 boardrooms and in foreign countries.

Our exciting downtown campus – called CSU RiverPark – supports these goals in an environment unlike anything else in the country. Built into a historic area alongside the Chattahoochee River, CSU's downtown campus houses the College of the Arts, student housing for more than 400 and about a dozen different buildings, including some of the finest performing arts facilities in the country. The campus adjoins the nation's largest urban whitewater course, a zip-line and a 14-mile riverside walking/biking path.

Academically, CSU offers about 100 different degree programs, including a growing array of quality online offerings, and an expanding graduate school that recently awarded CSU's first doctorate in education. Many of our programs are nationally accredited and have receive attention from a variety of publications for ranking among the top in the country for their combination of quality and value.

Rich learning opportunities – and community experiences – are available through the university's Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, Coca-Cola Space Science Center, Rankin Arts Center and through the RiverCenter, a state-of-the-art performing arts facility that houses three performance halls, a world-class organ and the university's widely respected school of music. Additional educational opportunities are available in our Honors College, our heralded Servant Leadership Program and a diverse study abroad curriculum.

The student experience outside the classroom is also important at Columbus State University. CSU's attention to student life can be seen in the 100,000-square-foot Student Recreation Center, the expanding array of sports activities, the new student advising center, improved campus dining options and the 100 different student organizations on campus.