Open University

Open University provides easy access to the hundreds of regularly-scheduled classes taught each semester at CSU, Chico. Enrollment is on a space-available basis with faculty permission and does not require formal admission to the University. Many courses are offered online and in the evenings, making Open University the perfect way to earn academic credits with flexible scheduling options.

Who can take courses through Open University?
- Community members who want to take a university course
- Students in high school or from other colleges and universities
- Prospective students who applied late to Chico State or were denied admission
- Recent students who need a limited number of courses to complete their degree
- Current CSU, Chico students who have been academically disqualified
- Qualified CSU, Chico faculty and staff who want to take a course

Open University is not available if you are admitted to the University or are a student taking a Planned Educational Leave.

Registration
Most classes in the current term class schedule are available for Open University enrollment on a space available basis. The complete schedule is available online at www.csuchico.edu/schedule/

Follow Four Easy Steps To Enroll
- Step 1: Select your Class
- Step 2: Complete an Add/Drop Form
- Step 3: Get Permission & Signatures
- Step 4: Pay Fees

The registration deadline for Spring 2013 is Friday, February 22.
Spring Special Session

Regional & Continuing Education offers Special Session classes, which are approved academic courses offered in addition to the University's regular semester schedule. Whether your goal is to take a class to finish a degree, complete a certificate, or simply earn a few units of academic credit, Special Session classes allow you to earn credits toward your academic goal with the scheduling, location, and admissions flexibility you need.

Special Session Benefits

- Admission to the University is not required
- No limit on the number of units that may be applied toward a degree program
- Fees charged on a per-unit basis
- Accelerated course schedules

Make plans for Summer Session today:

rce.csuchico.edu/summer

June 3–August 20

Summer Session registration opens April 2

Make the most of your summer by enrolling in a Chico State Summer Session course!

Classes are offered on campus and online, in three, four-week sessions, a six-week session, and a summer long session, so you can pick the courses and schedules that best meet your needs.

Summer Session is open to continuing and new CSU, Chico students, students who are not yet admitted to CSU, Chico but plan to apply, students from other colleges and universities, international students, qualified high school seniors, and community members.
Chico Distance & Online Education

Chico Distance & Online Education offers online courses, certificates, and degree completion programs utilizing a variety of web-based applications. As part of the online delivery, many of the courses provide live, real-time video streaming of the instructor’s lectures. These classes require that you have a computer with high bandwidth access to the Internet and live at a distance from the Chico campus.

You may combine Chico Distance & Online Education courses with other CSU, Chico courses to meet the degree requirements of these programs. Advising is recommended in all distance education degree programs. For the current schedule and more information, visit rce.csuchico.edu/online or call Continuing Education at 530-898-6105.

Bachelor’s Degrees
- BA in Liberal Studies
- BA in Social Science—Multidisciplinary Breadth
- BA in Social Science—Specialization Depth
- BA in Sociology

Master’s Degrees
- MS in Nursing

Concentration / Certificate Programs
- Career and Life Planning Concentration

Special Session
Online Degree Programs

BSN for Registered Nurses
The CSU, Chico School of Nursing RN-BSN program consists of a mix of online and on-site courses scheduled with flexibility and convenience for the working nurse, including nurses in distant communities. The BSN program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing and the California Board of Registered Nursing. For more information please visit: rce.csuchico.edu/online/rn-bsn

MS in Agricultural Education
The online MS in Agricultural Education is specially designed to address the higher education learning demands of high school agricultural education teachers, science educators, and associated professionals who administer agricultural education programs.

CSU, Chico College of Agriculture offers the program in partnership with AG*IDEA, a national consortium of accredited universities offering courses in the agricultural disciplines. The program is designed to be completed in two years, with courses originating from Chico and the consortium universities. For more information please visit: www.csuchico.edu/ag-masters
Degree Completion Programs in Redding

CSU, Chico offers courses at the Shasta College University Center in downtown Redding. Many courses are offered on site in Redding, with additional classes delivered online. The following degree completion program is currently offered:

- Business Administration – Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management

For more information please visit rce.csuchico.edu/redding or call 530-339-3652.

Students admitted to CSU, Chico may be eligible for financial aid and scholarships. Students not admitted to the University may enroll through Open University.

Lifelong Learning – ElderCollege

If you are sixty (60) or older, ElderCollege allows you to take University courses on a non-credit basis with the permission of the instructor. Simply select classes from the class schedule on the CSU, Chico website at www.csuchico.edu/schedule

After selecting a class, call Continuing Education at 530-898-6105 or stop by our office on campus to receive ElderCollege registration information. Registration is $60 per semester and includes eligibility for a library card and an e-mail account.

ElderCollege Orientation is scheduled for January 24 at the Center for Regional & Continuing Education, Room 107, from 10:00–11:00 AM. Call 530-898-6105 for directions or additional details. Classes start January 28, 2013.
Registration, Policies & Other Fine Print

Course Numbering:
Courses numbered 800-899 may be valid for professional credit at the discretion of local school districts; 800-level courses do not meet degree or credential requirements.

Campus Locations:
Many classes are held on the CSU, Chico campus. For specific locations, please refer to the website. For directions to the University, or to view a campus map, visit www.csuchico.edu/community/map

Fees:
Payment of fees is due in full at the time of registration. Cash, check, money order, and VISA/MasterCard will be accepted as method of payment of fees. Please make your check or money order payable to CSU, Chico. Registration is complete only after fees have been paid.

Late Fee & Service Charges:
Payment of fees received or postmarked after the date of the first class meeting will be subject to a late fee of $10 per course. A $20 service charge and an enrollment reservation fee of $10 per course are applicable for each dishonored check. If there is an unpaid balance on your account, you may be assessed a past due receivable fee of $20. All fees are subject to change based on Trustee or Legislative action.

Registration:
Registration in Special Session does not constitute admission to CSU, Chico. If you are interested in formal admission to the University, contact the Office of Admissions at 1-800-542-4426 or 530-898-4428. University admissions requirements are outlined in the University Catalog and are available online at www.csuchico.edu/catalog

Continuing Education offers registration online, by phone or fax, in person, or by mail:

- Register online at rce.csuchico.edu by selecting your class from the class schedule and following the easy steps to reserve your space and pay your fees.
- Mail your completed registration form—available from our website—along with a check, money order, or VISA/MasterCard number, to:
  Center for Regional & Continuing Education
  California State University, Chico
  Chico, California 95929-0250
- Phone in your registration to 530-898-6105 if you are paying by credit card.
- Visit the Center for Regional & Continuing Education to complete registration materials and pay fees.
- Fax your registration to 530-898-4020 and Continuing Education will follow up for payment. Please do not include payment information on the fax.

Adds, Drops & Refunds:
CSU, Chico and Regional & Continuing Education reserve the right to cancel, discontinue, postpone, or combine classes and to change instructors. If a class is cancelled, all fees will be refunded. If you are unable to attend a class after registering, contact Continuing Education immediately to withdraw. Refunds are calculated based on the length of the course and the time of withdrawal. The time of withdrawal is determined by the date of written or phone notification of your withdrawal or by the postmark date on a mailed notification, whichever comes first.

Special Session Drops & Refunds:
- Class cancels: Full refund
- Drop on or before the 1st day of class: Total fee minus $15
- Drop 2nd & 3rd day of class: 65% refund minus $5 processing fee
- Drop 4th day of class: No refund
- Semester long classes with schedules to be arranged (TBA)—drops after the end of the 4th week: No refund
Important Dates

- January 21: Martin Luther King Day—Campus closed
- January 28: Spring Semester and Spring Special Session begins
- February 22: Census Date—The last day to add/drop or change grade option
- April 1: César Chávez Day (observance)—Campus closed
- April 2: Summer Session registration opens
- March 18–22: Spring Break—No classes held
- May 20–24: Final Exam Week
- May 23–26: Commencement
- May 27: Memorial Day—Campus closed
- June 3–August 20: Summer Session 2013

Professional Development

Continuing Education also offers a range of courses, conferences, and workshops designed to meet the specific needs of professionals and community members. For a complete list of programming please visit rce.csuchico.edu.

Water Safety Instructor Certification

Looking for a job that lets you work outside with your friends and peers? Want to gain terrific work experience as an aquatics professional? Would you like to earn money, or join a volunteer team, while teaching people to swim? Become a certified water safety instructor!

Water Safety Instructors are in demand throughout the country and certification is recognized nationwide, so you can work wherever you go. This course includes review, analysis, and evaluation of basic strokes and lifesaving techniques, as well as theoretical background of aquatics instruction and practical experience. Instructor Candidate Training will be offered as part of the course. As a Water Safety Instructor you'll be able to teach parent and child aquatics, learn-to-swim classes, and safety training for swim coaches.

- Fee: $175
- April 4 & April 11–14 (visit the web site for times and locations)
How to Register
Payment of Fees
Waitlists
Class Materials
Financial Aid
Late Fees & Service Charges
Withdrawal & Refund Policies
Residence Credit
Academic Standards
Grade Policy
Open University Qualifications
Open University Fees
How to Register for Open University
Open University Withdrawal & Refunds
Transcripts
Chico State Portal Connection
Library Privileges
Tax Deductions for Educational Expenses
Health Services
Textbooks
Students with Disabilities
Parking
Discontinued Classes
Veterans Benefits
Course Numbering System
Campus Closures & Holidays
Faculty Resources
Campus Map