

## Chicago State University



**Wayne D. Watson**  
President

Chicago State University is a fully accredited public institution located in a residential community in Chicago. It is the city's oldest public university, founded in 1867 with 13 students as a teacher training school. Today, its enrollment stands at 7,235 students from throughout the United States and the world.

The university boasts an academic program encompassing six colleges and one division, and offers 36 undergraduate and 22 graduate degrees. In addition, the university offers two doctoral degrees — the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and the Doctor of Pharmacy — and two graduate certificate programs. Both faculty and students conduct research and offer services to the university

and the community. The Division of Continuing Education and Nontraditional Degree Programs reach out to the community with extension courses, distance learning and not-for-credit programs and online courses. University programs challenge students to achieve their personal pinnacles in the intellectual domain and beyond.

For more than 140 years, CSU has served the Chicago metropolitan area as an engaged institution working with and for the community. The university also provides for the varied needs of the myriad constituencies it serves. Specifically, the university offers day and evening course schedules, international programming, and addresses the specific needs of minorities and older, nontraditional populations. As a result, CSU has long enjoyed a reputation as the institution of choice for traditional and nontraditional residents. With leadership from its 315 faculty members, the university has an effective academic support system that helps students graduate, enter the nation's most competitive graduate and professional schools, and achieve their career goals.

CSU has a history of adding competitive and knowledgeable experts to the global workforce. It is tradition to graduate responsible, effective leaders of social change and citizens ready to contribute to society who are equipped with the solid foundation of values and principles taught at the university.

CSU is a leader in efforts to boost minority business ownership in Chicago. The university encourages minorities to enter fields in which they are currently underrepresented such as science, mathematics and medicine.

The campus, which was dedicated in 1971, includes the Academic Library, the Convocation Center, the Robinson University Center, the William Science Center, the Cook Administration Building, and the Jacoby D. Dickens Physical Education and Athletics Center. The university has NCAA Division I men's and women's teams in multiple sporting areas, including baseball, golf, tennis, volleyball, basketball, cross country, and track and field.

The president of the university also is the CEO, responsible for providing leadership and vision for the 21st century in the administration of campus initiatives and policies. The president reports to the university's five-member Board of Trustees, which includes four members appointed by the Governor and a student representative elected by the student body.

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