## STUDENT BODY AT A GLANCE



Geographic origin: United States and the world



Gender Make-up



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## LET US HELP

One of our mottos is "we are committed to the success of every student." We know navigating college can be a huge challenge. but CSU Monterey Bay has a variety of programs in place to help you succeed.

One whole wing of the library is devoted to programs that do just that. We've got a team of tutors who can help on any number of academic subjects, plus peer mentors who offer advice on time management, study skills and balancing college life in general.

## Check your directions

In the Undergraduate Advising Center, professional staff advisors assist students with choosing a major, picking the right classes, and identifying long-range goals for careers or grad school.

#### Go the extra mile

Help isn't just for folks having a hard time. Everybody can use a push now and then, and the results of a little extra effort can have a lifelong impact. For example, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center helps students get the most out of their educational investment by participating in research conferences, internships and summer projects under the guidance of dedicated faculty mentors. Participating students gain the competitive edge they need for acceptance into some of the nation's top graduate programs.

## Housing

Many students choose to live in CSUMB's residence halls, suites and apartments. Free laundry, high-speed Internet and cable all come standard, and the rooms are quite spacious because many are remodeled officers' quarters – one of the ways CSUMB has transformed the former Fort Ord Army base into a comprehensive university.

More important than the size of the rooms are the connections you make living on campus. A few themed res halls bring together students with similar interests. Whether you live on campus or commute from town, the friendships you develop will have a huge impact on your overall educational experience – so get involved!





# **EXPERIENCE LIFE** AT CAL STATE **MONTEREY BAY**



CSU Monterey Bay has its own great

vibe: It's outdoorsy, energetic, adventurous, caring and connected. At 5,700 students, we're a small yet very diverse community. Some "Otters" are more athletic, some are more artistic, some totally nerdy and some all three. And we all get along really well.

People get to know one another right from the start. At orientation and welcome week, the notoriously enthusiastic O-team (orientation leaders) will show you the ropes and get you mixing and mingling with your fellow students.

Half of all students live on campus, and most freshmen call the residence halls home, so campus housing is a major part of student life.

It isn't just other students you'll get to know. With small classes, students also develop strong connections with their professors.

## WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO?

We've got athletics, clubs, concerts, karaoke, camping trips, speakers and plays. Or maybe you just want to chill with some friends in their apartment. Or ride your bike to the beach. It's up to you, and you'll find no shortage of options.

# Groups, clubs and Greeks

The university has more than 50 student clubs, organizations and Greeks representing interests from anime to men's volleyball. Some are cultural, some athletic, some Greek, some political, some academic and some purely social. Plus, new clubs form every year, so if you don't see a group you want to join, you can always start your own.

#### **Athletics**

CSUMB fields 12 NCAA Division II athletic teams, and the spirited group of student fans known as the Blue Crue help cheer them on. We also offer intramurals and club sports.

## NCAA Division II Intramurals

Baseball Basketball
Basketball Bowling
Cross country Dodgeball
Golf Flag football
Soccer Indoor soccer
Softball Kickball
Volleyball Softball
Water polo Volleyball



CSU Monterey Bay is smack in the middle of one of the world's best areas for outdoor recreation. You can sail on the Monterey Bay, mountain bike on 80 miles of backcountry trails near campus, hike the redwood forests of Big Sur, or soak in the hot springs of Ventana Wilderness.

#### Head to town

CSU Monterey Bay is a neighbor to several communities, each with its own attractions. For nightlife, students can hit Monterey's Alvarado Street or Cannery Row. For a taste of the lifestyles of the rich and famous, it's fun to browse the designer boutiques, galleries and fancy restaurants in Carmel. Oldtown Salinas offers coffee shops, a movie theater and rotating exhibits at the National Steinbeck Center. And when you need to grab groceries or a quick bite to eat, our closest neighbors, Marina and Seaside, have you covered. Don't worry if you don't have a car. There are several alternative transportation options to get anywhere you need to go.

## Stay on campus

Every weekend and most weeknights, something is happening in one of our campus venues. The Black Box Cabaret hosts concerts and open mics, the World Theater brings top-tier performers and speakers (and shows movies), and the University Center is home to some truly epic dance parties.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You could say the CSUMB Otters are an idealistic bunch. We like being green. We help our neighbors. We assist in elementary school classrooms, plant community gardens, organize food drives, restore native habitats and create public art.

Everybody participates in service learning; it's a requirement. But more importantly, it's an opportunity to put our education to work for the greater good. Students get a lot in return: enhanced resumes, practice applying their skills, experience networking in the community, and a deeper understanding of what citizenship and social justice mean.

## Take the lead

Whether through student government, founding a club, assisting with outreach, advising in the res halls, or booking events, many students opt to take on campus leadership roles. The Student Activities and Leadership Development Office provides programming and support for these outstanding Otters who shape campus life (not to mention develop a track record that looks mighty good to future employers).





