Chicago State University

Founded in 1867, Chicago State University (CSU) is Chicago’s oldest fully accredited public university. The university opened as a teacher training school with 13 students. Today, the enrollment is comprised of nearly 3,000 individuals with students throughout the world who are pursuing their educational goals in global industries, such as business, pharmacy, health care and education.

CSU fosters a world-class higher education learning community that centers on its students and stimulates their academic and personal development. Through the university’s more than 70 undergraduate and graduate degree-granting and non-degree programs and five colleges — Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Health Sciences, and Pharmacy — CSU’s students are equipped with the skills needed to be successful in an ever-transforming job landscape.

For over 150 years, CSU has served the Chicago metropolitan area as an engaged institution, working with and for the community. The university serves an extraordinary student body, serving as Illinois’ only four-year Predominantly Black Institution, as designated by the U.S. Department of Education. In order to allow all students to pursue their career aspirations, CSU offers day and evening courses, accelerated programs, and online courses. The university’s alumni are leaders in their communities and professions, with CSU in the top 4% nationwide for economic mobility.

The campus includes the Gwendolyn Brooks Academic Library, which was renamed in 2018; the Emil & Patricia A. Jones Convocation Center; the Williams Science Center; the Cook Administration Building; the Education Building; the Douglas Hall Building; the Business, Health and Science Building; the Harold Washington Hall Building; the Cordell Reed Student Union; the Residence Hall; and the Jacoby D. Dickens Physical Education and Athletics Center.

The university offers a rich student life experience with over 80 student organizations, Division I athletics, and 12 fraternities and sororities. The Chicago State University Cougars are a member of the Western Athletic Conference with 15 NCAA Division I men’s and women’s teams, including volleyball, golf, tennis, soccer, basketball, and track and field.

Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott, Esq. has served as CSU’s 12th permanent president for over two years. Under her leadership, CSU has a renewed focus on student success — enhancing the university’s culture and positioning the institution as a community anchor for the South Side of Chicago. The president reports to the university’s eight-member board of trustees, all of whom are appointed by the Governor (excluding the student representative).

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Chicago State University’s 141,000-square-foot Gwendolyn Brooks Academic Library can accommodate up to 1 million volumes.