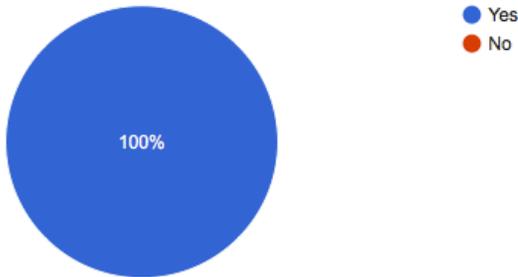


Advice from PVS alumni attending...

# California Polytechnic State University - SLO

Would you recommend your college to a PVS graduate?



Describe what students should expect from your school: community, culture, clubs, academics, what type of student is successful, weather, etc.

- Academics is definitely tough staying in the library all day is normal. It will be a culture shock because very few minorities in campus. Weather is nice during the day and freezing at night you will want to take two sets of clothes a day haha. Remember to have a social life.
- The community here is really kind and accepting. People are constantly posting pictures of lost phones and keys in order to help their fellow students find their belongings. Our school has a lot of fun with traditions and interesting events. Cal Poly is very focused on helping you network with companies in your industry. There are hundreds of clubs you can join ranging from professional clubs to marksmanship to cultural clubs. Students should really expect to study 25-30 hours a week for their classes. The weather here is a lot cooler than in Los Angeles.
- SLO is the best environment to be around. Everyone is good looking, in shape, intelligent, driven, and focused. The weather is like LA but not as hot and little to no pollution compared to LA. You can literally breathe the difference. The scenery is incredible, green hills to go around for miles. Countless hikes and beaches to explore. \ Huge difference from DV, so expect little to no diversity in that sense. Tons of clubs: sport clubs, school related, hobby related, fraternities and sororities etc. Lots of school pride which is amazing. We are the best public school for engineering, our engineering graduates constantly beat out Stanford and other more prestigious schools' graduates for jobs. The architecture school is second only to Yale. All of this at a fraction of a cost. With that being said though, it is hard. DV is nothing compared to what you will have to go through to be successful, so be ready to put in the work. If you get in, come here. You wont regret it and maybe you will be my WOWie (orientation week thing).
- SLO is a beautiful place with a lot of talented students. However, I will say that there is a noticeable difference between students across all of the majors. This is not unlike most colleges, but at Cal Poly the competitiveness, department funding, and quality of student between different majors seems rather large. SLOs bread and butter are architecture (or related majors), engineering, and business. In a nutshell, your major will largely dictate your experience, the type of classmates you have, and the career opportunities you will have after graduation.
- The campus and surrounding cities are beautiful! There's always stuff to do like hiking, kayaking, surfing, visiting cows, goats and elephant seals and lots of good places to eat and socialize. There's a club for everything and if there isn't a club for something, you can start it. My friends have started clubs such as Black Student Union and Queer Student Union as well as SLO Solidarity due to the lack of representation on campus. Which brings me to the sad point, as much as I love San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly, it's not very diverse or open to diversity. As a first generation Mexican student in Poly, my first year was really rough but I eventually found people who I shared interest with. Cal Poly as a campus has a lot of resources for students of color, queer students, female students, etc. but when the communities try to speak on issues regarding racism, sexism, sexual assault, and transphobia, it is often met with resistance and hate because a lot of the campus is white and middle class. As a queer female first generation student of color, I work with different departments and clubs to change this so I hope it will get better (and it has!).
- Your experience with the school will definitely vary depending on your actions in the first couple of weeks. By this I mean, if you go out of your comfort zone and try to explore you will have a good time. Don't lock yourself in your room. The vast majority of people you talk to here will only have nice things to say about Cal Poly and you should expect to feel at home here. As for academics, be prepared because the quarter system does move fast. The first two weeks are kinda slow, but after that everything picks up. To be successful here, you need to be on top of everything from day one. The stronger start you have the better you're going to finish.

## What are your top recommended resources available on campus for students?

- Tutors . Ocob mentors. student Support Services.
- EOP, Mustang Success Center, Health and Counseling Services, and Recreation Center
- Library, office hours, writing center, mustang success center.
- The Health Center, Department Advising, OFFICE HOURS, Career Fairs, Recruiting Sessions
- Each student gets a faculty advisor so visit them and create a relationship with them ASAP! If you find that another professor can help you more in your department, switch faculty advisors when you get a chance. Make use of the advising center for each campus. I changed faculty advisors to a female professors who is a kick ass feminist and started the sexual assault crisis center on campus. I've talked to her about things ranging from what class I should take to my sexuality, and family and relationship issues (not all professors are this cool though!).  
If you are part of a marginalized identity, join the group that is for that identity because the upperclassmen will have the best resources for you (i.e. scholarships for students of color, events or weekly meetings for queer students like Queer Women Thursdays, etc.).
- Some of my favorite sources are the Cross Cultural Centers, Student Academic Services, and Multicultural Engineering Program. These are the sources that I most commonly use. Each one has the students in mind and provide many opportunities and programs to help students. They offer things like tutoring or a safe space to relax.

## Anything else? Something you wish you knew senior year about your school?

- Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Be friendly smile and make connections. And don't give up on yourself for failing keep pushing.
- I wish I knew how to study properly before I got here. It's been really difficult trying to relearn how to study.
- Only schools I'd rather go to than CPSLO are: Duke, MIT, Cal Tech. If you got into one of those, go there. If not, come here. Simple as that; amazing academics, environment, and people. Doesn't get much better than Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.
- Cal Poly SLO is a great school, again depending on your major. However, it may not be for everyone and I would above all recommend picking your college by reputation in the field or industry you would someday like to work in. I feel that is the single most important factor when picking a school. Then I would definitely say budget. Also switching majors is notoriously hard at Cal Poly so be aware of that. Good Luck Guys!
- It's super scary to move away from home but it's such a rewarding experience. You are able to grow up and take responsibility for your life and the decisions and it is scary! But it's also great to get a head start on that and get some practice at paying bills and scheduling your own appointments :p
- The demographics don't lie. Also Cal poly likes engineering students from Da Vinci.

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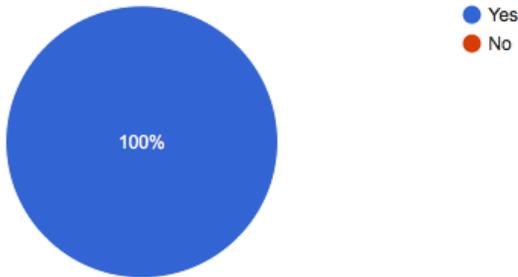
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Advice from DVS alumni attending...

# California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Would you recommend your college to a DVS graduate?



Describe what students should expect from your school: community, culture, clubs, academics, what type of student is successful, weather, etc.

- At Pomona it is required to dorm on campus the first year unless you can get it waived. I dormed on the engineering college floor of the dorm so everyone on that floor had a major similar to mine. Most of my friends I've known from that year in the dorms and it is a great networking of sorts.

There are many clubs dedicated to specific majors on campus. For my major it is IEEE. These types of clubs gather like majored students, (give you free pizza at general meetings) and provide opportunities to interact with members of the industry. IEEE is holding a banquet with industry representatives later this quarter that I will attend.

At any college be aware of what majors are impacted. I am majoring in Electrical Engineering and that major is impacted. I am a Junior and I am still taking Sophomore level classes because the classes are generally are waitlisted by the time I register. If you must have an impacted major think of a possible minor to fill up units with. I am currently on my way to a Computer Science Minor.

Find ways to get priority registration. Sports teams, some clubs, having an on campus job; these are things that will move up your registration appointment so you can get the classes you need.

Classes are hard and the Curve is helpful but with the amount of projects and work the students at Da Vinci do it shouldn't be too much of a problem.

Students who study outside of class and read the textbook for stuff that is not always covered in class are the most successful. Mostly because Cal Poly is on a quarter system and not everything can be covered in 10 weeks. But Cal Poly will be switching over to a semester system within a few years so that'll be a headache to deal with not so much for incoming freshmen but the students who have been at Cal Poly and have to convert their units to fit semester schedule.

Weather at Cal Poly is generally fair. Kinda almost exactly like the weather at Da Vinci.

- The weather goes from really hot to cold, but there are nice days. The community is that of a commuter school. Everyone tries to get in, attend class, and leave. Students are expected to be motivated with a pursuit to gain knowledge and to study a lot. The academic environment varies from each classroom. An example would be during a difficult class, classmates are willing to help each other pass and have a sense of camaraderie. For an easier class, students become more dejected and do not care as much. The instructors come in both sides of good and bad, so try to always get the best instructor. The main online resources Cal Poly Pomona that need to be checked regularly are broncodirect and blackboard.
- The community is pretty active. If you want to get involved with something, there are usually people advertising events around the Bronco Student Center (Outside of the library). The weather is fairly warm most of the time. The school is a commuter school, so it becomes fairly barren during the weekends.
- A medium-sized campus, one in which every building is a nice walk away and there is constant activity from clubs, fraternities, campus resource groups, and students in general. The diversity also extends beyond simply the students, as there are classes and extracurricular activities available for almost any hobby or interest. The community extends itself to you only as much as you want to participate in it, which means introverts shouldn't worry about fitting into the college life here at Cal Poly Pomona.

- Pomona is a commuter school so not much happens in weekends. There are a lot of clubs to join go to a club fair and you should find something that suits you. It is a hand on school so expect many labs and presentations. Weather is California weather but sometimes it 10 degrees colder or hotter than what it is in Hawthorne. Academics is fast since you takes classes for only 10 weeks so everything is fast paced and goes by quickly.
- Students should expect a culture of independency, there really is so frat/sorority culture or any other major 'clique' on campus. Groups of students make up their own college experience with their own friends.

## What are your top recommended resources available on campus for students?

- There is a room in the library completely dedicated to math tutoring.
- Office hours, Career Center, and the various food stores on campus (you will need them for studying :3)
- Learning Resource Center for help on homework, Career Center for help on getting a job, most professors are helpful if you visit them during their office hours.
- Student Health Services, 24-Hour Computer Lab, Bronco Bookstore, Campus Marketplace, just to name a few.
- Library, library library. Your Department advisor and your college advisors.
- The LGBT center has a Nintendo 64 and a GameCube - I highly recommend it. The BRIC is the school gym, it's huge and looks like the Roswell UFO incident because of its modern/sleek architect, inside there is a 3 story rock climbing wall, an indoor running track, 3 multipurpose courts (for indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, etc.), all gym amenities such as weights and cardio equipment, and a massive swimming pool. There are also like 1,000 gardens - totally an exaggeration but seriously, there's a lot of gardens that you can go to or hike around, my favorite one is the jungle trek behind building one because you can get lost in it and it may of may not be slightly haunted (but even if it is haunted, it will never be as haunted as The Channel Islands campus). The school also owns acres of fields where they grow various fruits and veggies, during picking season it's great to go and pick berries, oranges, avocados, pears, corn, etc.

## Anything else? Something you wish you knew senior year about your school?

- Have a hobby you can always enjoy in order to help you relax. Also, snacks will help you get through studying.
- It's probably worth it if you're dorming to register for welcome week to meet new people ahead of time.
- Don't be afraid to consider other majors if you feel that your current one is not the right path for you. Take it from someone who switched to History from Computer Engineering after two years in university.
- The MDPT test that I was supposed to take during the summer. It is a math placement test to get placed into higher math classes.

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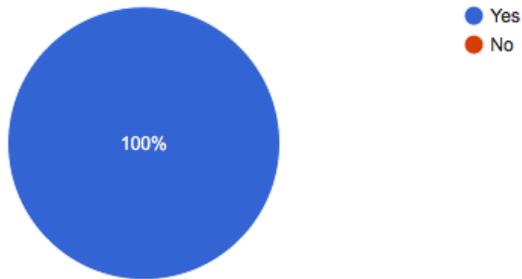
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Advice from DVS alumni attending...



## California State University, Dominguez Hills

Would you recommend your college to a DVS graduate?



Describe what students should expect from your school: community, culture, clubs, academics, what type of student is successful, weather, etc.

- Commute is generally quick and there's various clubs and orgs to get involved with. As long as you do what is asked of you, you will succeed. The school is majority Latino/Hispanic and African American.
- Commuting school, large, lots of clubs and student resources, nice weather (obviously),
- There are so many different kinds of clubs and activities on campus. I personally am apart of the cheer team and Black Student Union on campus. The professors that I've come across are really good and DH is all about community and Toro pride.
- It is a very diverse campus and it isn't that big so you are able to build relationships with the professors and get to know them. Most of the professors actually care about the students and are always there for help especially during office hours (take advantage of that don't be afraid to ask for help take somebody with you if you are scared talking to professor on a one on one level). also If anyone is interested in teaching they have really good programs for that.
- It's every laid back, but we also have events around campus all the time. They give away a lot of free stuff to the students on campus, as well as tutoring. The classes are small so you can easily ask questions and get one on one attention if needed.
- There are a variety of people in all my classes from ethnicity to ages. There are always booth tables from clubs, sororities and fraternities set up in the main walk way. Sometimes the book store have their booth set up outside on a sunny day to avoid going inside the building. During finals, in the walk way they give out free coffee and donuts also scantrons and free massages. Every Tuesday is taco Tuesday and they are very good. Since Dominguez is right next to the stubhub we get discounted tickets to watch Galaxy play, sometimes 2 free tickets are given per student. The library has many resources and you can rent out iPads and laptops, they also have meeting rooms which you can reserve.
- What you should expect from DH is that it's a small school full of people who are there to learn. DH is great for people who want to have small classes(no larger than 40 people), cheap housing, or want to stay close to home. DH provides many clubs and retreats that are free; it's just a matter of getting involved. That being said, get involved! Many people commute to DH so get ready to meet a lot of people from different parts of LA. The weather is always great, you get free tickets and discounts to any event in the Stub Hub, and your teachers actually remember your name and care about your education. Think about it as DVS 2.0 (it's a good thing.)
- Same SoCal weather, very nice community with friendly faces and places to keep you happy and entertained

What are your top recommended resources available on campus for students?

- Women's Resource Center, Male Success Alliance, Encounter to Excellence, EOP, Career Center, The Multicultural Center, Associated Students Inc, Veterans Affairs
- Pre-health society, F.U.S.E. program, Pagsikahan filipino club ( A little biased since I'm a board member)
- I would recommend the Career Center, ASI, and your major department. They career center really helps you find a career based on your major and internships. ASI is basically the student government on campus and the cool thing is that they give out scholarships and free scan trons. The most important is to find out what your department is because the department head can tell you what classes you would need to take when you get into your 3rd and 4th year
- I recommend people take advantage of their major advisor to make sure they are on track and taking the correct classes in order to graduate and asking any questions about how to get to your goal in your career. I highly recommend going to SI

tutoring or Toro Learning Center because you can get help with your classes so you can do well on tests and pass your classes.

- The library with free tutoring. And also you're professor's office hours are key.
- My top recommended resource is the student center and ASU.
- My top recommended resources are firstly the free tutoring in the 5th floor of the old library. Secondly the EOP/ETE office; they provide free printing, mentor advice, and a place to study. Thirdly the career center; the career center helps you with internships, jobs, resume help, etc. And lastly the 4th floor of the new library; it's the quietest place on earth, and the seats are really comfy.
- Toro-learning Center ( Free tutoring), Career Center (helps you get jobs)

## Anything else? Something you wish you knew senior year about your school?

- Get a driver's license. Public transportation is a living nightmare.
- I wish I knew that it was more of a commuter school
- Something I wish I knew senior year transitioning to college was that if your a science major you want to get the earliest orientation available so you can sign up for classes as soon as possible because they will fill up fast. Also to take the chemistry placement exam and study for it because in order to take biology and college level chemistry you have to pass the test or take chemistry 108 (intro to college Chemistry). I also wish I would have practiced how to read correctly and efficiently for a textbook and how to use the important information to study from.
- I wish I would have talked to someone who already went to Dominguez. I honestly thought I was going to hate it entirely. But going into it, freshman were given a free course over summer. The people are so supportive making it an awesome environment to complete my studies. I also didnt know to much about what my school offered within my major, now knowing I probably would have never thought twice about my decisions. Try to contact the departments of the school ypu are thinking about it's actually very important!
- Something I wish I knew was that everything will be okay. Although I go to DH I was scared going to another school that I didn't really know. Just think of it as a new start and go out of your comfort zone; whether that be joining a club, studying abroad, or talking to a new person.
- Make sure your financial aid is 100% taken care of, don't "half-do-it"

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Advice from DVS alumni attending...



# California State University, Fresno

Would you recommend your college to a DVS graduate?



- Yes
- No

Describe what students should expect from your school: community, culture, clubs, academics, what type of student is successful, weather, etc.

- The weather is bipolar. Someone who develops great study habit and networks with other classmates for extra support.

What are your top recommended resources available on campus for students?

- Learning center. It is meant for tutoring or an advisor.

Anything else? Something you wish you knew senior year about your school?

- More about the community and places to explore as a hobby.

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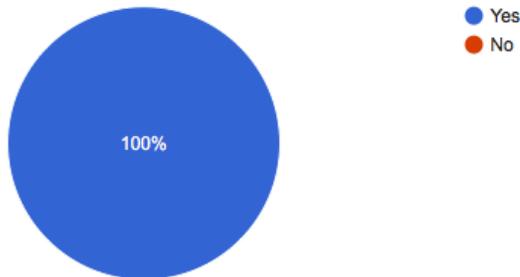
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Advice from DVS alumni attending...



# California State University, Long Beach

Would you recommend your college to a DVS graduate?



Describe what students should expect from your school: community, culture, clubs, academics, what type of student is successful, weather, etc.

- I was formerly in the filipino club which is actually the largest culture club on campus and the largest filipino club in California, it was really fun though my introverted life style kind of found it hard to find meaningful/lasting friendships in such a big group of people since it was hard to get to know everyone, but if you're outgoing a like big groups they're really cool! They also have a really popular dance group called PAC Modern if you like dancing and want to join a team. None of these culture clubs are meant just for those races, keep in mind. I'm also in the e-sports club which is smaller, more intimate, but still really fun. LB is known to be a commuter school, so sometimes its hard to make friends, so you should join some clubs early on!

Academically, college is going to challenge you in a different (and sometimes a seemingly unfair) way. CSULB actually has lots of good professors, but it really doesn't hurt to check online for their ratings.

The weather is REALLY hot and humid in the fall, especially if you're in the dorms you're going to suffocate. You would think it's breezy since it's near the beach, but not so much. Wear comfy flip flops if you can and sunscreen. There is also a campus shuttle that not too many people know about so take advantage of that. If you are going to be commuting, I would park near a shuttle stop and take the shuttle to campus because the parking lots are so big + there's lots of hills + not super bike friendly, so you're in for a lot of walking. If you're a frequent Starbucks drinker, get the Starbucks app on your phone now and start earning rewards because there's two locations on campus you'll be fueling at, 60 cent refills for ice coffee/tea with your receipt!

- Long Beach is a big campus, so expect at least 15 minute walks from class to class. As an engineering student, there is a good amount of group work and presentations, so engineering majors should be well prepared for that. I highly recommend going to office hours if you are struggling in a class. Even if you're just a little confused, go to office hours and get that topic figured out so you'll be ready for the exam. Math classes (the ones I've taken anyway) are very similar to how Ms. Kondo teaches and pretty easy to follow.

What are your top recommended resources available on campus for students?

- There's free walk-in tutoring in the Jensen SAS Center in the Hall of Science. There's also free tutoring elsewhere too, and paid one-on-one tutoring. There's a research program you should look into if you want to get into a health-profession called BUILD ([www.csulb.edu/BUILD](http://www.csulb.edu/BUILD)). Look into the President's Scholar's program too! The library is my favorite place to study, and if you stay late, you can call an escort to take you to your car/dorm.
- Office hours! Long Beach has a lot of free tutoring available. Ask a teacher what kind of tutoring is available and where because there is a lot of subject specific tutoring all over campus.

Anything else? Something you wish you knew senior year about your school?

- Study what you love! Don't waste your time trying to live other people's or your parent's dreams (unless they have the same dreams as you do). Even if you find yourself stuck in a major you dislike, you can always change it. I changed my major

freshman year, and I know multiple third years who changed their major as 3rd years!

Also, LB is an extremely competitive school for Nursing. I have had two friends changed schools their 2nd year because they did not get into the program. You do your GEs the first two years and then apply so you find out before your 3rd year. They only accept 65-80 applicants per semester, and you are competing with people applying from CSULB AND outside the school. If you don't get into the program after 2 tries, you either change to another school (like an expensive private school) or you switch to a major that overlaps with the classes you have taken, which is usually Health Care Administration.

Also, don't just pick easy electives (you'll have room for these in your GEs). Having an easy class can sometimes just be a pain BECAUSE it is so easy it turns annoying and such a waste. Pick a class that actually interests you with a good professor you can actually gain a rounded world view from. Try to pick electives that broaden your view of the world and its cultures, religions, political ideas, and etc. so you can really grow and gain knowledge while having fun. Expose yourself to new ideas! My favorite class freshman year was a Women's Gender Sexuality Studies class (WGSS101) with Claire Garrido-Ortega and she is amazing (I'm friends with her on Facebook, she is seriously the bomb). WGSS classes aren't just for girls either. I also liked "Greek Mythology" and "Religion & Science" (Peter Lowentrout).

- Long Beach is a pretty good school. But for every college, be prepared to buy textbooks and parking permits. Registering for classes is like signing up for POLs, so everyone should be ready for that. Good luck with picking your college!

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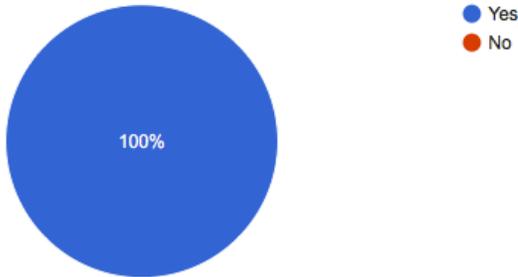
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Advice from DVS alumni attending...



# California State University, Los Angeles

Would you recommend your college to a DVS graduate?



Describe what students should expect from your school: community, culture, clubs, academics, what type of student is successful, weather, etc.

- Very urban atmosphere. A mixture of cultures within the school, however overall there is a heavy influenced in the Hispanic culture. Expect clubs like Society of Woman Engineers (SWE), Society of Hispanic Engineers (SHESS), and many others. If pursuing an engineering degree expect the academics to push your limits. Making sure that your study habits are solid and having grit will excel you in your classes. LA typical weather. HOT in the summer. Warm in the winter.
- As many of you might know, CSULA is one of the CSU campuses with the most diversity. In my opinion the environment and the community is what makes me feel safe and comfortable at school. There is multiple clubs, some more specific to your major others that are not, and sorority's. I personally think that the type of student that is successful, is the one that puts the work and effort on the classes, and that even if he/she does not so well on his/her first midterm, will use that grade as a motivation to do better on the next midterm. Also successful students are those that are not afraid to reach for help and ask questions.
- Da Vinci Science Seniors college is not that bad, yes at first it might be a bit scary, and hard because you start a new chapter with new people (classmates, and professors) but as long as you don't procrastinate and do everything you need in your all classes then you will be just fine. You should expect that you might encounter professors with an accent, which is bad because you might not understand them or the class. You should expect that if you commute (in car) is expensive and its difficult to find parking and you will encounter lots of traffic. Parking permit is \$110 dollars per quarter. But since CSULA is changing to semesters then it will be for semester. If you commute (in the bus) is easier and cheaper but from Hawthorne to CSULA is about 1 hr and 45min drive. You should know that CSULA has a very calm and welcoming environment everyone seems and are nice to each other. You should expect that books are extremely expensive and you have to buy them every quarter/semester. Therefore, I recommend you to start saving money. Don't worry though, there is a Facebook page called "CSULA book exchange" where students re-sell their textbooks for a cheaper price than the school library. In that page you could also get feedback on your classes and professors from CSULA students. There is also a page called "rate my professor" this page is helpful for many students when choosing their schedule because it helps them avoid bad professors. You should expect that in CSULA there is fraternities and all that fun clubs but they don't have houses or nor its all about parties. You should know that professors are strict but are very friendly. There is a lot of vending machines yey! Don't you all miss it at DVS. The weather is not bad, this year though the weather has been crazy because it changes a lot its sometimes cold and hot. Know that you might encounter really hard and easy classes. You have the option to drop classes within two weeks, there is a deadline to drop or add classes. In CSULA is recommended to take between 3-4 classes your first quarter/semester because it might be too much for you. Know that in some classes you get a lot of HW but in some you get none all quarter/semester. The type of student that is successful in CSULA is the one who isn't afraid to talk to new people including (professors, staff, classmates). The students who attended to every lecture would most likely pass the class, missing class would not help you pass the class keep that in mind. Also living early from classes isn't good either. CSULA is known as a commuter school meaning that most students commute which means there isn't really parties or fun events. All clubs though have a ton of activities and fun events but you have to be involved in order to experience them. Know that the experience you are about to have in college depends on you, if you want to be involved in clubs, sport or any of that fun stuff know that is good to have fun but manage your time because what is most important is to pass all your classes. Keep in mind that if you fail one class your GPA drops a lot.

## What are your top recommended resources available on campus for students?

- There is office hours from the professors and there are even workshops to help on specified subjects you need extra help in. In the library there is tutors available for certain subjects as well.
- My top recommended sources available on campus for students are The Writing Center, Tutorial Center, Career Center, the professors, and the Health Center. First, the Writing Center is open since 8am-6pm, it offers help with any type of essay or paper one might need help on. The best help is get when you make an appointment, as you are able to have a one-to-one conversation about your paper. Secondly the tutorial center, also offers help on multiple subject areas. However, there is classes such as math that have their own tutoring classroom with different math levels. Thirdly professors are also a very good resource and often more helpful as they are the ones you learn from. They have office hours and usually they are the ones that get the least amount of visits from students. During their office hours, you can ask more specific questions and they would be able to answer and explain to you more clearly. The Career Center is another great resource, there you can find many opportunities ranging from volunteering events to internships. I would also recommend to take advantage of events such as the career fair, in where prestigious companies such as Google, and many more come to give internships. There's also workshops offer before the career fair, that offer help with resumes that would help you be prepare when the day comes. Finally and not last, although many of you might not see the Health Center as a resource, the Health Center counts with counseling and psychological services and many more that can help you, when you feel stress, have issues and problems that can prevent you from doing well at school. They also count with a massage therapy which I would recommend.
- Cal State L.A.'s Library it's one of the best places to be while studying for Midterms, Finals or finishing work. There is printers, scanners, study rooms, computers, rented textbooks from all classes. The library is also one of the most helpful resources because it offers a lot of tutoring, not only for Math classes but for every single subject. There tutors are both students and professors, and they are always available even if you don't make an appointment. There is a writing center which is also in the library and very helpful. Personally, it helped me a lot during my first two quarters especially because I was able to learn how to revise my own essays and make sure I have strong paragraphs and most important how to check if I am answering the prompt. There is also a place called student union its a very fancy building that is filled with fun stuff that is where students go and relax during their breaks. There is a gym underground, a game room called the "pit".

## Anything else? Something you wish you knew senior year about your school?

- Honestly, be prepared to think as an adult and to be pushed to your limits. Make sure to spend your time wisely and not overload yourself. Coming to a Cal State means you are getting the same education (if you put the effort) like any other school and getting a degree for half the price anywhere else. Opportunities will unfold to you as much as you are willing to take them, but you must realize that the secret lies within answering what it is that YOU as an individual want.
- Something I wish I knew senior year about my school would be that it could be hard to get all the classes that you want to take, that you could either have a pretty good schedule or a pretty bad one.
- I wish I knew that the EOP is very beneficial at CSULA because they offer you a lot of help if you didn't do well on the English/Math placement test or your ACT scores there offer you this program during the summer to complete your remedial courses rather than waiting until the fall quarter/semester starts. Do know that if you have remedial classes you will be behind and the university can kick you out of the school if you don't finish those remedial classes in a year. The EOP also helps you register every quarter, those students who have EOP have priority registration which is better because you sign up for classed before anyone else. Also know the all the students have a certain date to register which is bad because if you are one of the last one to register than you will most likely not be able to add the classes and times that you need or want. The EOP program also give you a advisor which is better because the advisor can tell you exactly what classes you need for your major rather than doing it by yourself. Those who don't have EOP struggle to make an appointment with their advisor because they run out really fast.

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Advice from DVS alumni attending...



# California State University, Northridge

Would you recommend your college to a DVS graduate?



- Yes
- No

Describe what students should expect from your school: community, culture, clubs, academics, what type of student is successful, weather, etc.

- If you are looking for diversity, I would strongly recommended Northridge. There are students of all types of ethnicities. There is also a wide range of clubs to choice from. (I would suggest joining a club if you're looking to make new friends) Besides being diverse, Northridge is also a very beautiful campus.

What are your top recommended resources available on campus for students?

- Northridge has a lot of great resources. The gym is amazing, we have an oasis center where you can stop by anytime you need to relax or take a nap, the library is a great place to study and we also have a computer lab where you have access to free printing.

Anything else? Something you wish you knew senior year about your school?

- Northridge is really known for their Chicano Studies department so if that's a field of study you'd like to pursue I would strongly suggest this campus.

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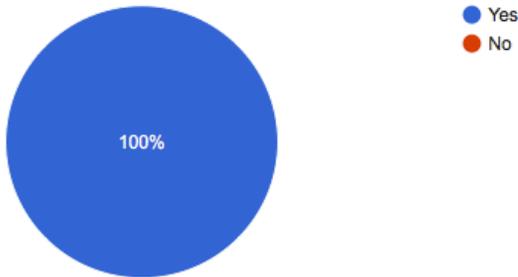
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Advice from DVS alumni attending...

# San Francisco State University

Would you recommend your college to a DVS graduate?



Describe what students should expect from your school: community, culture, clubs, academics, what type of student is successful, weather, etc.

- San Francisco State University is a great place for someone who is looking for an open and free environment. The campus itself is very green, full of trees and grass. It's a place where you can be who you want and do what you want. You will find yourself to become more independent and become a much stronger person. Everyone I have met here is kind and accepting of what kind of person you are or want to become. There are so many different kinds of people from all kinds of places. Friends are easy to come across, and the professors are easy to talk to. Over all the community, culture, energy, and experience here is like no other.

What are your top recommended resources available on campus for students?

- I recommend office hours. Just like Da Vinci, professor are open to help students outside of the class room. The library is also available for students at all times, it's open 24 hours. School counselors are difficult to find, but you can always make an appointment.

Anything else? Something you wish you knew senior year about your school?

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Advice from DVS alumni attending...

## San Jose State University

Would you recommend your college to a DVS graduate?



● Yes  
● No

Describe what students should expect from your school: community, culture, clubs, academics, what type of student is successful, weather, etc.

- Near downtown, so everything is local... Public transportation is paid for by tuition. School provides a clipper card which acts like a bus/rail VTA pass... Culture is fine, student that is well prepared and prioritized will succeed. Use the gym, (it's helpful). Learn how to be self-reliant. Weather is similar, just a little bit colder at night. Go to class. I've only missed one day of classes the whole year because of Super Bowl Job training, but other than that, it's not that hard not to go to classes. Think about it... If you are stuck in your dorm when you should be in class, it's a sense of guilt and shame. College classes aren't the same. They cover a topic and move forward. If you miss one day, you got some catching up to do. Also, try to stay healthy. Being water to class. That's what I do. Take stairs to class not elevators. The little things mean a lot sometimes. Spend a good amount of time figuring out and choosing your schedule, make sure times don't overlap and make sure it suits you well. Don't take early classes if you are not a morning person. Use rate my professor when choosing class sections. If you get a job, get a job your second semester of college... You can thank me later for that :)

What are your top recommended resources available on campus for students?

- Career Center- great for help with resumes, provides an online site that finds internships for SJSU students to apply for
- Peer Connections- other students (usually upper classmen) that provide tutoring (in most of the common subjects like math, science, english, etc. 30 min-1 hr. and mentoring services (personal, academic, social, etc) for FREE
- Sports Center- FREE on-campus gym
- Food- I forget the name of it, but there are multiple places on campus where students can go to get FREE food. They don't necessarily provide 5-star meals, but little things like ramen noodles, poptarts, bagels, granola bars, etc
- Peer connections that provide free tutoring and the career center that will help build your resumé.
- Student services center
  - EOP
  - Administration
  - Financial aid Office
  - Student wellness center
  - Student involvement

Anything else? Something you wish you knew senior year about your school?

- SJSU is known for being a huge commuter school (meaning most students that attend it commute from home and do not stay on campus). This makes doing group work slightly challenging but not impossible.
- Take advantage of the resources provided by the school. For example, the job fairs gives you a great opportunity to get to know some of the employers in the area and to get a feel which company you would fit in best.
- Don't listen to all the hype. College is easy. It's just Living , learning, and working all tied together.

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