**California State University, San Marcos**

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| About partner | About partner | Founded in 1989, California State University, San Marcos, is a new kind of university—technologically sophisticated, fully engaged in the community and pushing the boundaries of innovation. Their hands-on, real-world curriculum and applied research fuels creativity and cultivates ideas to solve 21st century issues.  Today, more than 10,000 students attend the 304-acre, state-of-the-art main campus, which has all the benefits of a small, community-driven campus. All students will enjoy the latest equipment and facilities, a superb faculty that enjoys teaching, and a rigorous academic program that prepares students for a successful life ahead. |
|  | About San Marcos | San Marcos is located in the Northern San Diego County, only a few kilometres from the bustling cities of San Diego and Los Angeles, but nestled in a quiet, suburban neighbourhood with a population of 76,000.  From extensive hiking trails in the local hills, to unique dining and shopping opportunities in its centre, San Marcos has all the makings of a student city.  Community theatre, music and fine arts organisations thrive in San Marcos. The City’s own ‘Theatre West’ group presents outstanding community theatre productions, while the California Centre for the Arts in Escondido bring high-quality entertainment to the local area. |
|  | Did you know? | Students at California State University, San Marcos, volunteer an average of 240,000 hours of community service annually. |
| Academic information | Main areas of study | * Anthropology * Applied Physics * Biochemistry * Biological Sciences * Biotechnology * Business Administration * Chemistry * Communication * Computer Science * Criminology * Economics * Environmental Studies * Global Studies * History * Human Development * Kinesiology * Liberal Studies * Literature and Writing Studies * Mass Media * Mathematics * Nursing * Performing Arts * Political Science * Psychology * Social Sciences * Sociology * Spanish * Visual Arts * Women’s Studies   **Note:**   * The listed areas of study are not necessarily exhaustive and other fields of study might also be available at the partner institution. Moreover, names for fields of study may be different overseas. * A discipline being listed does not in indicate the suitability of the program, nor does it indicate that the discipline is taught in English. * Approval to study particular subjects at any institution is always at the discretion of the departmental/discipline and faculty advisors at RMIT University and subject to available places at the host institution. |
|  | Language requirements | Programs are taught in English. |
|  | Full time load [Equivalent to 96 RMIT Credit Points] | 12 – 15 US credits is considered the full-time load per semester. |
|  | Link to courses | <http://www.csusm.edu/catalog/> |
| Living | Accommodation | There are on-campus accommodation options for students and an off-campus accommodation database that students can access. For more information go to: <http://www.csusm.edu/global/intstudents/housing.html> |
|  | Health insurance | Exchange students are required to have adequate health insurance during their time in the US.  For more information go to: <http://www.csusm.edu/global/intstudents/exchstud.html> |
|  | Living cost | California State University, San Marcos, recommends the following student budget breakdown per semester (in $US):   * Books: $830 * Room and Board: $5,850 * Health Insurance: $404 * Transportation: $450 * Personal Expenses: $1,250 |
| Funding Opportunities | OS-HELP information | [OS-HELP Information page](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help)  <http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help> |
|  | Link to scholarships page? | [All travel scholarships](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel)  <<http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel>> |
| Useful information | Link to partner exchange page | <http://www.csusm.edu/global/> |
|  | Visa | Exchange students need a J-1 visa to study in the US.  For more information go to: <http://www.csusm.edu/global/intstudents/visaregs.html>  Please note that immigration requirements are subject to change. Please visit <http://www.state.gov/> for the most updated information. |