

Colleges in Southern California Fun Facts

1. Loyola Marymount University

Students volunteer more than 200,000 service hours a year with 250 community organizations.

2. UCLA

The Midnight Yell is a finals week tradition that takes place every night of the week at midnight for students to take a break from studying. These scream sessions last for a few minutes.

3. USC

USC is the only university in the world to have a gold medal-winning athlete in every summer Olympiad since 1912.

4. Pepperdine University

Pepperdine has 11 NCAA Division I Team Championships in Baseball, Men's Golf, Men's Tennis, Men's Volleyball, Water Polo and Women's Beach Volleyball.

5. CSU Northridge

CSUN has its own planetarium. They provide star shows every two weeks and it's open to the community.

6. Mount Saint Mary's

95% of freshmen are from Southern California and 64% come from public high schools. It's an all-women school.

7. Marymount California University

Has a very small undergraduate student population, only 735 students!

8. CSU Dominguez Hills

This campus is designed like a park, with 346 acres. It also houses the Dignity Health Sports Park, which is home to the LA Galaxy and the LA Chargers.

9. CSU Los Angeles

The nation's most famous math teacher, Jaime Escalante, graduated from CSU LA. He taught math at Garfield High School and became famous with the release of the film *Stand and Deliver*.

10. CSU Fullerton

Avatar film director James Cameron graduated from CSU Fullerton.

11. CSU San Bernardino

81% of the students are first generation college students.

12. Cal Poly Pomona

Cal Poly Pomona campus used to be the ranch of "cereal King" W.K. Kellogg. The land was given to the CSU system under the condition that it be used for education purposes and that they maintained his Arabian horses.

13. Azusa Pacific University

APU has 3 libraries containing over 460,000 books and 152,000 eBooks.

14. Chapman University

Chapman has a big connection to Hollywood. Students who study film get a camera on the first day of class and they get to work with professionals who have won Oscars, Emmys and Clios. The faculty have a combined filmography of more than 500 feature films.

15. University of La Verne

There are 8,064 full time students on campus.

16. Pomona College

Provides its students with copious amounts of chocolate during the last day of classes.

17. Occidental College

It's the oldest liberal arts college in Los Angeles. President Obama attended there before transferring to Columbia.

18. Pitzer College

Pitzer is huge on community engagement. All students will participate in a service-learning course before graduating.

19. Claremont McKenna College

Claremont McKenna welcomes freshman to campus with a Wilderness Orientation Adventure trip.

20. Whitter College

One of the most diverse liberal arts colleges in the US. 69% are students of color.

21. CSU Long Beach

Professor Chris Lowe, who teaches Biology at CSULB, is one of the key people who created "Shark Week."

22. Scripps College

Since 1931, the students of Scripps have gathered for Afternoon Tea and refreshments every Wednesday afternoon while school is in session.

23. UC Riverside

UCR provides free live concerts, get-togethers and giveaways every Wednesday on campus during fall and spring quarters.

24. UC Irvine

There are more than 24,000 trees planted on campus. A very green school!

25. Harvey Mudd College

Student to faculty ration is 8:1. So you get very small classes and lots of interaction with professors.

26. Cal Tech

The Caltech mascot is the beaver—an homage to nature's engineer.