The CSU System's 19th Edition opened in September of 1970 as California State University, Bakersfield, home of the Roadrunners. CSUB offers 38 bachelor's degrees, 15 master's degrees, 5 credential programs, and a joint doctorate degree in educational leadership with Fresno State University. There are approximately 8,000 full-time students with a student-to-faculty ratio of 27:1 and over 100 clubs & organizations. CSUB is the home of Roadrunner sports, new state-of-the-art Student Recreation Center, Science III Building, Student Housing, Visual Arts Building and theatrical performances. We also have cool hangout spots on campus like the Runner Café, the Student Union Lounge, Rowdy's and a fabulous Music and Art Department with Music festivals and art showings. We invite you to take a stroll around our lively campus and be a Roadrunner for the day.

Enjoy your tour of CSUB!
1. The Division I Runner Athletics, part of the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), is housed in the Icardo Center. Students receive free admission to all CSUB games at the Icardo Center; all that is needed is a Runner I.D. card. Sports offered: Men's Baseball, Basketball, Golf, Soccer, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field, and Wrestling. Women's Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Sand Volleyball, Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field, Volleyball, and Water Polo. Located directly behind Icardo is the J. R. Hillman Aquatic Center open daily from 10am-2pm for student use.

2. The Student Health Center provides basic health and preventive services to CSUB students. There are two doctors and three nurses ready to assist students by appointment or walk-in Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. There is no co-pay for students. Also, attached to the Health Center is a Pharmacy and the Counseling Center, which provide an array of services such as counseling for stress management, parenting, grief, and more. 

3. The Student Recreation Center is CSUB’s newest state-of-the-art building that opened April 30th, 2009. Its 75,000 square feet has something for every student. There are over 5 ½ tons of free weights, 60 cardiovascular machines including treadmill, exercise bikes, climbers and more. There are seven exercise rooms all with wood flooring, mirrors, padding, and sound systems ready to be used for classes such as yoga, dancing, aerobics, and boxing. Other features include free personal training for students, an indoor rock wall ready for climbing, a suspended indoor track that overlooks a three court gymnasium one of which turns into a court for indoor soccer, volleyball, badminton, and floor hockey.

4. The Student Union houses the Runner Bookstore where students can pick up anything from a textbook to cool CSUB apparel and enjoy food at The Roost. The Student Lounge is where students can play checkers, chess, and all sorts of activities. The student government (ASI) offices and Office of Student Involvement and Leadership are also located in the Student Union. The Student Union is a place where students can go wireless with laptops and other wireless technology. Right outside of the Student Union is Runner Park where events are hosted by student organizations and clubs. The Student Union is a definite hangout for students.

5. Enrich your college experience by staying in our brand new state-of-the-art student housing facilities! Our campus housing consists of suite-styled living in our new four-story 500 bed facility. The carpeted and furnished suites include bedrooms on either side of a shared common room and include beds, desks, chairs, and dressers for each student as well as a shared microwave/fridge combo and seating in the common room. Our new suites allow residents more community space and flexibility. Our brand new Student Housing Community Center has amenities such as a multipurpose room, game room, laundry room, classrooms, and group study rooms. The cost of student housing is around $9,800 per year which includes the student’s housing, utilities, and meals in the Runner Cafe as well as opportunities to participate in fun, educational, and relaxing programs facilitated by Residence Life.

6. The Runner Café is the main eatery on campus and a popular hangout spot with its selection of Sbarro’s Pizza & Pasta, The Runner Grille, Sushi Bar, The Bakersfield Bread Company, free Wifi, lounge areas, and flat screen televisions. Students are sure to have a good time in here. Students can use credit cards, cash, and CSUB ID cards as means to pay for the great food located inside. The Hawk Honors program, a curriculum for high achieving students, offers field trip opportunities, scholarships, priority registration, and access to other events, also has a lounge located inside.

7. The Walter Stiern Library is the largest single structure on CSUB’s campus named after Walter Stiern, a state senator who authorized many bills, one of which funded CSUB in 1960. It comprises four levels that contain books, computer terminals, 14 study rooms, and 44 faculty offices, and a lower level with five computing facilities, three instructional television studios (ITV), media center, and audio/video/photography labs. The community may obtain a borrowers card to check out books for a fee that can be renewed yearly. Also, located next to the Runner Cafe is the CSUB Center for Career Education and Community Engagement (CECE), which prepares students for lifelong learning and development through community engagement and career education. The CECE serves students, alumni, community partners, employers, and university personnel. The CECE staff works directly with students to explore their educational and career plans, helping them create an academic-and community-oriented professional road map for success.

8. The Dorothy Donahoe Hall is the heart of CSUB’s campus. Dorothy Donahoe was a civic leader and Assemblywoman for California. Her bill helped expand the CSU system and create funding for Bakersfield’s campus. This building holds banners on its walls that represent over 100 clubs and organizations at CSUB. You can find the new Student Center for the School of Arts and Humanities, which houses advising and tutoring services in one location. Also inside are faculty offices and classrooms for courses in Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Liberal Arts, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, and Modern Languages.

9. The Doré Theater is named after Frances B. Doré who donated one-fourth of a family trust to CSUB to be used for the construction of new buildings. The departments of theatre and music use this theatre to hold musical performances and concerts, as well as theatrical performances all year long. This building allows the Bakersfield community to embrace fine arts of different cultures around the world. Attached to this Building is the Todd Madigan Gallery where exhibits of both traditional and contemporary artworks enrich and expand students’ artistic experiences.

10. The Art Department offers a wide variety of instruction and activities in the visual arts. The Visual Arts Center, opened October 24, 2014, replaced the outdated arts structure built in the late ’60s. The new 9,000 square foot facility includes specialized studio/lab environments for work in ceramics, sculpture, painting, drawing, and digital art. Activities include welding, forging metal, using solvents, glazing, and firing. The ceramic studio now has several new state-of-the-art kilns, including three new raku kilns and two new “walk-in” kilns.

11. Student Services holds many of California State University, Bakersfield administrative offices. This building houses Admissions and Records, which handles admission to the university, registration of courses, maintenance of student records, and graduation. Also housed here is the Financial Aid office where students can handle all matters dealing with applying for and receiving financial aid. Any student can set appointments and speak to a counselor.

12. The Writing Resource Center offers FREE tutoring for all writing assignments, workshops, and other support services to currently enrolled CSUB students. The staff is trained to focus on improving students’ overall skills, not just their grades. They assist students in all stages of assignments to help them learn to think critically about their own writing. The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) provides special admission for qualified students, particularly low-income, first generation college students. EOP serves as the primary vehicle for the CSU to increase access, academic excellence, and retention of California’s historically underserved students, thus working in the spirit and abiding by the legislative intent that originally established the program in 1969 and maintaining the innovation inherent in the program.

13. The Academic Advising & Resource Center and University Outreach & Recruitment is where recruitment, orientations, and campus tours are provided. In addition, Outreach is the first stop to receiving information about the campus. The AARC offers advising for undeclared students and services to improve academic performance. Located inside is a study hall, computer lab services, and the International Students and Programs Office.

14. The Romberg Nursing Center was the first building ever constructed in the college/university system without state funding. It includes a lecture room, intensive care unit, seminar rooms, faculty offices, and multipurpose room. Nursing is the only impacted major on campus, thus requiring applicants to maintain a GPA of 3.59.

15. Science Buildings I, II & III host the Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Engineering, Geology, Nursing and Mathematics departments and programs. Located inside the Science I Building is the Head Room, NSME Student Center, Stock Room, NSME Tutoring Centers, and student lounge. Science II is the newest of the three, with state-of-the-art computer labs classrooms, a resource library, student lounge, and Togo’s Sandwiches.