CSU Bakersfield opened in September of 1970 as the 19th campus of the current 23 campuses of the California State University system. CSUB offers 36 Bachelor degrees, 16 Master degrees, 5 Credential programs and a doctorate in Educational Leadership. There are approximately 11,000 full-time students with a student to faculty ratio of 27:1 and over 100 clubs and organizations. CSUB has a Division I athletic program and home to the Roadrunners. The campus has a state-of-the-art Student Recreation Center, Science III Building, new Student Housing, a Visual Arts Building and a Fabrication Lab. CSUB also has cool hangout spots on campus like the Runner Café, the Student Union Lounge, Starbucks and a fabulous Music and Art Department who host 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 Icardo Center is home to our Division I Road Runner Athletics program. CSUB is part of the Big West Athletic Conference. Current CSUB students receive free admission to all CSUB games at the Icardo Center and any other on-campus sports complex. The sports offered at CSUB are Men’s Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field, and Wrestling. Women’s Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Beach Volleyball, Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field, and Volleyball. Located directly behind the Icardo Center is the J. R. Hillman Aquatic Center, open daily for student use.

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

3. The Student Recreation Center (SRC) opened its doors to students in the Spring of 2009. It’s 75,000 square feet has something for every student. There are over 5½ tons of free weights, 60 cardiovascular machines including treadmills, exercise bikes, and rowers, 165 other machines for each student to use, as well as a shared microwave, fridge, and sink combo. There are several exercise rooms, all with wood flooring, mirrors, padding, and sound systems ready to be used for classes such as yoga, dance, aerobics, and boxing. Other features include personal training, an indoor rock wall ready for climbing, and a specialized track for track and field athletes. The SRC also houses the Student Union Gymnasium, which turns into a court for indoor soccer, volley ball, badminton, and floor hockey.

4. The Student Union is the core of student life. It houses the Runner Bookstore, Panda Express, and Starbucks. The student government (ASI) offices, Campus Programming, and the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership are also located in the Student Union. The Student Union has a lounge where students can play video games, and all sorts of activities. It’s a place where students can study, hang out, meet with clubs or organizations, and attend various large and small events throughout the year. Right in front of the Student Union is Runner Park where events are hosted by student clubs and organizations. There is always some kind of event going on at the Student Union.

5. Enrich your college experience by staying in our 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, and sink combo and seating in the common room. Our new suites allow residents more community space and flexibility. Our Student Housing Community Center has amenities such as a multipurpose room, game room, laundry room, classrooms, and group study room. The cost of student housing is $11,900 per year, which includes the dormitory, 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 Cafe is the main eatery on campus that serves a variety of food options, it is also a place where students can gather to study and hang out. Inside the food court area, you will find a salad bar, a burger grill, a pizza and pasta station, a sushi bar and much more. Students can use credit cards, cash, and CSUB ID cards to pay for their meals. Attached to the Runner Cafe is the Hawk Honors student lounge, an exclusive hang out location for students in the Honors program.

Located right next to the Runner Cafe is the 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.

7. The Walter Stiern Library (WSL) 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 1947. The Walter Stiern Library is the main study location for students. It comprises four levels that contain books, computer terminals, a coffee shop, faculty offices, study rooms and a lower level with five computing facilities, three instructional television studios (ITV), a media center, and audio/video/photography labs. CSUB Students have free access to computer labs, the printer, technology, and other media in the library. Members of the community may obtain a borrower's card to check out books for a fee that can be renewed yearly.

8. Dorothy Donahoe Hall (DDH) is the heart of CSUB’s campus. Dorothy Donahoe was a civic leader and Assembly woman for California. Her bill helped expand the CSU system and created funding for Bakersfield’s campus. Inside you will find faculty offices and classrooms for courses in Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Liberal Arts, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, and many other majors. A great strength is its walls that represent over 100 student clubs and organizations at CSUB.

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 performing arts buildings. The departments of theatre and music use the Doré Theater to hold musical performances, concerts, as well as theatrical performances all year long. This building allows the Bakersfield community to embrace live arts of different cultures around the world. Attached to the Doré is the Todd Hopefully Mall which exhibits both traditional and contemporary artworks enrich and expand students’ artistic experiences.

10. The Visual Arts Center opened in the Fall of 2014. The 9,000 square foot facility contains 14 studios that are used for 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. The Art Department offers a wide variety of instruction and activities.

Located directly next to the Visual Arts Center is our newest building that opened its doors in the Fall of 2017, the Humanities Office Building (HOB). The first floor consists of classrooms and student lounge areas while the second floor holds faculty offices. HOB houses such departments as Philosophy and Religion, English, and Modern Languages. It is also home to the Arts and Humanities Student Center.

11. Housed within the Numeron building is the Academic Advising & Resource Center (AARC) and the Graduate Student Center (GSC). At the AARC, students work closely with professional advisors who are trained to work with and address their diverse needs. The AARC advisors work in close partnership with students to help them learn how to set and achieve their academic and career goals. Admissions representatives understand general education requirements, and select the appropriate majors. The AARC is also the advising center for undeclared students. The GSC assists potential and current graduate students. They host events and workshops on various topics regarding graduate school, and also have a student lounge, computer lab, and other resources for current graduate students to utilize.

12. The Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley Center for Student Success also known as the Kegley Center, is home to the CSUB Athletics Academic Advising. They provide workshops, tutoring, study sessions, advising, as well as offer collaborative sessions with other campus resources such as the Center for Community Engagement and Career Education, Financial Aid and the Health Center.

13. 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 both stages of assignments to help them learn to think critically about their own writing. Right around the corner is the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). EOP provides special admission for qualified students, particularly low-income, first generation college students. EOP serves as the primary vehicle for the CSUB Academic Success Program (AS) and the Cal Grant. EOP prepares 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.

14. Student Services houses many administrative offices. The Student Services building houses the office of Admissions and Records, which handles admission to the university, registration of courses, maintenance of student records, and graduation. Also housed in Student Services is the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships where students can handle all matters dealing with, applying for, and receiving financial aid.

15. Romberg Nursing Education Center (RNEC) is a nursing skills laboratory, a computer laboratory, and a simulation center with an attached smart classroom to support multiple forms of technology-assisted classroom instruction. The nursing arts laboratory has 13 patient rooms, two classrooms, 21 workstations, and a control room. The RNEC serves as a laboratory to support the development of nursing students and their understanding of the nursing profession. The RNEC is also home to the Nursing Aid Program (GSC). At the GSC, students work closely with professional advisors who are trained to work with and address their diverse needs. The GSC advisors work in close partnership with students to help them learn how to set and achieve their academic and career goals.

16. Science Buildings I, II, and III host the majors within the school of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering. Located inside the Science I and II buildings you will find classrooms, labs, faculty offices, and student lounges. Science III is the newest of the buildings, with state-of-the-art computer labs, classrooms, a resource library, a student lounge, and Which Wich Sandwiches. Further down the path you will find the Engineering Complex that houses the NSME Student Center, The Fab Lab, and Engineering classrooms.