



CANCELLED CLASSES, CAMPUS CLOSURES & YOU

How the state's budget crisis affects Cal State L.A. students

California's unprecedented budget crisis is disrupting many lives. Perhaps its most disruptive impact upon your life is the reduction of class offerings at Cal State L.A. Some courses have been cancelled. Some are already filled to capacity. We understand that a reduced class schedule can present a hardship to you, and we are doing our best to maintain the quantity and strength of Cal State L.A.'s course offerings. (While major funding cuts affect nearly every state program, the budget for the California State University system has been cut by more than \$550 million. The CSU is working hard to restore funding to adequate levels and to use what it has to maintain academic excellence and opportunities.)

Class cancelled or already full? Here are some suggestions:

- Try to add a class you need by going to the first day of class and checking with the Department/School/Division to see if they are keeping a waiting list or might have room to add you to the class.
- Check with your department/school /division to find out when the courses you need are projected to be offered next. Department/school/division offices will update and post this information in offices and/or on their website.
- Use the *Class Search* link on the GET website, get.calstatela.edu, to see if a different but available course will fulfill your requirement.
- If your class was cancelled and you are due a refund, the Disbursement Office will send your refund check to the address you have indicated on GET. So check on GET (under *Student Center* at get.calstatela.edu) to make sure your correct address listed. If you have any questions about a refund, contact the **Disbursement Office** at **(323) 343-3630**.
- If you receive financial aid and are registered for at least six units, you are still eligible. However, your aid will be adjusted if you have less than 12 units. If you have a concern about your eligibility, contact the Financial Aid Office in Student Affairs 124.
- If you need a particular class in order to graduate this quarter, and the class has been cancelled, please see your advisor to explore other options—such as course substitutions or petitions.

How you can minimize the personal impact of the budget crisis:

- **Adhere to deadlines for financial aid, registration, and fee payments.** The deadline to add classes for Fall 2009 is Thursday, October 8, 2009. There will be no late adds after the deadline.
- **Seek advisement.** For general education advisement and for students with undeclared majors, visit the University Academic Advisement Center in Library-Palmer Wing 1040A (Library South). Advisement locations for specific major are listed on pages 6-9 in the Fall 2009 Schedule of Classes.
- **Frequently check your CSULA e-mail for important messages and updates.** Please make sure you have an NIS account; and, if you use a personal e-mail account, make sure you forward your CSULA NIS e-mail to your preferred account. This link describes how to forward e-mail:
www.calstatela.edu/its/docs/pdf/forwarding_emails.pdf

Administrative closure dates and Friday furlough days:

Most Cal State L.A. offices will be closed on the first and third Fridays of each month during Fall 2009 (October 2 and 16; November 6 and 20; December 4 and 18) due to mandated work-schedule reduction to address the budget deficit. However, some Friday classes will meet. If you have a class that meets on Friday, check with your instructor about any changes in class-meeting dates. The campus will be closed for holiday on November 11, 26 and 27 and December 27.

Information for students regarding faculty furloughs can be found here:

www.calstatela.edu/academic/aa/furlough/index.php

The CSULA closure calendar is here: www.calstatela.edu/univ/hrm/docs/admin_closures.pdf

Despite the fiscal challenges facing the University, Cal State L.A.'s faculty and other academic personnel are committed to providing you and other students the best academic experience and support possible. Your cooperation and dedication are greatly appreciated.