

Institutional Boilerplate

Cal State L.A. has one of the most culturally rich and distinctly varied student bodies of any school in the nation. One of the primary urban comprehensive universities, it has a long-standing tradition of serving the ethnic minority groups of this region.

Located five miles from the center of downtown, the campus is at the intersection of constantly growing and shifting Los Angeles ethnic communities. East Los Angeles is the largest Hispanic community in the nation, and Monterey Park, the largest Asian community. We are close to Koreatown, Little Tokyo, and Chinatown, and in commuting distance to the Watts and Adams districts with the largest population of African Americans in California. The University's close proximity to the civic, cultural, multicultural, and economic centers of the Greater Los Angeles Basin enables it to foster strong cooperative relationships with community, cultural, business, educational, and political institutions.

The Cal State L.A. student population is far richer in its diversity than the mix at other universities. Of our nearly 20,000 students, 16% are white; 9% African-American; 53% Latino (Central American, South American, Mexican American); 22% Asian (Japanese, Chinese, Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander, Filipino); and less than 1% American Indian. (F00 data)