

# Master of Social Work Advanced Standing Program (MSW-ASP)

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# Agenda

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- About Cal State LA and the College of Professional and Global Education
- Overview of the Master of Social Work Advanced Standing Program (MSW-ASP)
- Curriculum and Admission Requirements
- Program Cost, Financial Aid, and How to Apply
- Students Services and the Downtown LA Team
- Q&A



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# California State University, Los Angeles

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- Cal State LA is one of the largest public universities in Los Angeles and has been an educational leader for over 70 years
- The university serves over 28,000 students and has graduated more than 250,000 alumni
- The university was ranked #1 in the U.S. for the upward mobility of its students by The New York Times
- Cal State LA is home to nationally ranked programs in engineering, business, and nursing by U.S. News and World Report



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# College of Professional and Global Education

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The **College of Professional and Global Education (PaGE)** is one of eight colleges at Cal State LA and provides flexible, relevant, and practical educational pathways, preparing organizations to serve, and succeed in their local and global communities

- PaGE offers extended education degree, certificate, and professional training programs at Cal State LA Downtown (DTLA), at the university's main campus, and in the San Gabriel Valley
- During the 2016-2017 academic year, PaGE served over 1,000 students through extended education programming
- The college also oversees international programs for Cal State LA including exchange and study abroad for domestic students



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# Master of Social Work Advanced Standing Program





# The Cal State LA Advantage

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- Excellent and affordable education targeting a wide range of students
- Excellent education at an affordable price
  - Ranked top 3 MSW schools in Southern California and top 5 in California
  - Ranked # 62 among top social work schools by 2022-2023 US News and World Report
- One of the most ethnically diverse colleges (students and faculty)
- Students receive individual attention from faculty and staff
- Students have an opportunity to contribute to social work research with the completion of their thesis
- School of Social Work is accredited by the [Council on Social Work Education \(CSWE\)](#)



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# The Urban Generalist Focus

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- The urban generalist focus prepares students to provide service across the spectrum of practice
- Capitalizing on Cal State LA Downtown's location, this focus offers students the opportunity to learn effective and responsive strategies for working in any urban environment at the micro (individual/family), mezzo (group/community), and macro (policy/societal) levels.
- Our MSW program also allows students to empower and be relevant to the needs of the multi-national, multi-ethnic, and multi-cultural communities that surround the campus (Downtown L.A., East L.A., South L.A., Pasadena, Alhambra, Glendale, and other nearby communities).
- Applicants will still be able to work with specific populations through course content, electives, fieldwork (internship), and thesis. Concentration specific content (e.g., children, youth, women and families, aging, forensic, LGBT etc.) are incorporated across the MSW curriculum.



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# Program Format

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- Unique curriculum focused on serving diverse, urban populations
- Cohort-based program
- Three semesters (6-15 units per semester)
- Daytime classes on Mondays and Tuesdays
- Field internship during Wednesdays - Fridays



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# Admission Requirements

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- The MSW Advanced Standing Program (ASP) at Cal State LA is a one-year 33 semester unit program for candidates who hold a BASW degree
- Admission to the program allows students to complete their MSW degree in less time than the traditional MSW program by waiving the first-year foundation course requirements
- Students applying for this option must demonstrate their field readiness to perform at the level of a second-year MSW student
- The ASP program begins with 6 semester units (2 courses) in the summer prior to the beginning of the advanced courses, which are completed in two semesters
- ASP students attend classes Mondays and Tuesdays at Cal State LA Downtown
- Field internship for ASP students are on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during regular business hours for a total of 24 hours per week



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# Admission Requirements

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- Bachelor's degree in Social Work from a CSWE accredited college or university (completed with the last 5 years)
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
- Three references - one from each of the following:
  1. **One academic (A)**
  2. **One from your Integrative Seminar Instructor (F)**
  3. **One from the field instructor from your BASW internship (F)**
- Successful ASP candidates will demonstrate readiness to be placed in a second- year field placement if admitted. For example, the candidate has work experience in social or human services post-BASW.

**One year of work experience in social services or human services is preferred**



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# Curriculum Courses for the One Year

Summer Semester (4 Weeks)				Fall Semester (16 Weeks)				Spring Semester (16 Weeks)			
Course	Title	Unit	Pre-Requisite	Course	Title	Unit	Pre-Requisite	Course	Title	Unit	Pre-Requisite
SW 5401	Social Welfare Research & Statistics	3		SW 5203	Mental Health Assessment & Diagnosis	3		SW 5204	Advanced Evidence-based SW Practice	3	SW 5203
SW 5805	Child Welfare (Elective)	3		SW 5303	Administration of Social. Service Agencies	3		SW 5304	Advanced Policy Analysis & Practice	3	
SW 5802	Recovery in Mental Health SW 5802 (Elective)	3		SW 5970	Advanced Social Work Research	3		SW 5995	Research Project	3	SW 5970
	Summer Workshop for Field Readiness	0		SW 5950	Field Practicum	3		SW 5950D	Field Practicum	3	SW 5950C
*Students should: take either SW 5805 (Child Welfare) or SW 5802, not both. LA-DCFS stipend students should take SW 5805; HCAI and CalSWEC PBH students should take SW 5802.								SW 5804	Trauma, Substance Abuse & Violence (Elective)	3	
Total Units: 6				Total Units: 12				Total Units: 15			

Total Required Units: 33



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# Application Process

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To apply to the university and the MSW ASP program, you will be submitting only one online application.

**Starting February 1, 2024**, complete and submit the University application online through Cal State Apply: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply> for Summer 2024.

The MSW supplemental program application is in Quadrant 4 (Q4) within Cal State Apply.

You will need to upload the personal statement, resume and unofficial transcripts from all schools attended in this section.

You will also need to provide the names and email addresses of the individuals who will be completing your reference forms, and they will be sent an email with the reference form to complete **by February 28, 2024**.

**All documents must be submitted by the February 28, 2024 deadline.**



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# Application Process (Cont'd)

Reference Forms are required for each of the following:

1. **One academic (A) from a professor who gave you a letter grade.**
2. **One from your Integrative Seminar Instructor (F)**
3. **One from the field instructor from your BASW internship (F)**

## The Application process:

- Pay the \$70 application fee
- Apply for the **Summer 2024** MSW-ASP Graduate Program at the Cal State LA Downtown
- Send your official transcripts and other required documents to the [Office of Admissions](#)
- Once your application has been submitted, you will receive your Campus Identification Number (CIN) and your Personal Identification Number (PIN) which will be assigned to you.
- When you receive your CIN and PIN information be sure to setup your **GET account** so you can monitor the status of your application and check your “To Do” list for missing documents and university updates.
- Your complete application will be reviewed by the School of Social Work and the Office of Admissions
- If your application passes the first phase you will be invited for an interview.
- Final admission decisions will be provided by e-mail



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# Tuition and Fees

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One Year ASP	\$17,325 (\$525 per unit)
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## Please Note:

All CSU listed fees should be regarded as estimates that are subject to change upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

\*Total cost does not include books, parking fees, student health insurance, and other related expenses.



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# Financial Aid

- FAFSA Application filing period is now open for Fall 2024
- Complete your FAFSA application at: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>  
(Cal State LA's School Code: 001140)

## Financial Aid Roadmap:

To view our step-by-step roadmap to applying for financial aid, please visit:

[www.calstatela.edu/page/roadmap-financial-aid](http://www.calstatela.edu/page/roadmap-financial-aid)

If you would like to schedule a financial aid advisement appointment, please contact:

**Tom Lau, Assistant Director and Financial Advisor**  
[tlau2@calstatela.edu](mailto:tlau2@calstatela.edu) or 323-343-4900

## Roadmap to Financial Aid

Do you need help financing your education? The decisions you make now, such as negotiating student loan borrowing amounts, can impact you for many years following graduation. It is very important to manage your finances early by understanding the importance of developing and maintaining a budget, prioritizing wants and needs, and preparing for the repayment process.

There are several financial aid opportunities available to students who wish to complete their Degrees or an approved Certificate Program at **Cal State LA Downtown**.

Students are encouraged to apply for federal aid through the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\) application](#). To apply for financial aid follow these steps.

**1. Complete the FAFSA**

**2. Complete the CSLA Admissions Process**

**3. Apply for CSLA General Scholarships**

**4. Check your Financial Aid Status on GET**

# **Additional Financial Aid Opportunities**

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For information on financial aid resources for graduate students at Cal State LA, please visit: <https://www.calstatela.edu/financialaid/types-aid>

**The following programs are available at CSLA**

<https://www.calstatela.edu/graduatestudies/funding-opportunities-0>

Graduate Equity Fellowship Program

International and Non- Resident Graduate Student Tuition Waiver Program

**Culminating Project Fund to Support Completion of Thesis, Creative Activity, or Dissertation:**

<https://www.calstatela.edu/graduatestudies/funding-opportunities>



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## School of Social Work

### Stipend Programs (AY 2024-2025)

#### SECTION I. School of Social Work (SSW) Stipend Program Application Process

Please review the attached chart (Section II) which outlines the stipend programs currently available. If you have any questions, please contact the Program Coordinator listed for the stipend you are interested in.

- i. Applicants must be admitted to the SSW MSW Program before they apply.
- ii. Applicants can apply to **only one** Stipend Category. Applicants are allowed to apply for two stipend programs within the same Stipend Category only (See the chart below).
  - For example, an applicant may apply to both HCAI and PBH stipend programs but *not* to HCAI and the LA DCFS Stipend.
- iii. If accepted into both programs of the same category, applicants must choose one stipend program and immediately withdraw from the other stipend program.
- iv. Each stipend program has its own awardee selection policy and specific application requirements. Specific program information and applications are provided with the MSW program acceptance packet once students are admitted.

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## SECTION II. Stipend Program Chart

Stipend Program Category	Child Welfare		Behavioral Health			Aging	
Stipend Programs	LA DCFS Internship	CalSWEC Title IV-E	HCAI Fellowship	CalSWEC PBH	DMH	GSWEC	CalSWEC APS
Eligibility (ASP, 2-YR, 3-YR MSW Programs)	Students are selected in their 1 <sup>st</sup> year of practicum. Open to 2-year, 3-year and possibility for ASP in AY 24-25.	2-year program students apply 1 <sup>st</sup> year; 3-year program applicants must be Public Child Welfare employees (e.g., LAC DCFS, OCSSA); apply 1 <sup>st</sup> year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply at the 1<sup>st</sup> year.</li> <li>• ASP &amp; 2-YR MSW students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply in either the foundation or advanced year.</li> <li>• Renewable but must reapply (not guaranteed).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply at the <u>final year</u> of the MSW Program.</li> <li>• ASP, 2-YR, &amp; 3-YR MSW students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply at the <u>final year</u> of the MSW Program.</li> <li>• ASP, 2-YR, &amp; 3-YR MSW students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply in either the foundation or advanced year.</li> <li>• Renewable but must reapply (not guaranteed).</li> </ul>
Expected timeframe stipend recipient participates in stipend program while an MSW student	2 AY; ASP 1 AY	2 year program 2 AY; 3 year program 3 AY (county PCW employees only)	2 AY (for 2-YR Program) Summer & 1 AY (for ASP)	Typically 1 AY but can be renewed	1 AY	1 AY	Typically, 1 AY but can be renewed
Academic year (AY) stipend Amount	\$26,000/ AY	\$25,000/AY (2-year program students). Total \$50,000 for 2 years; 3-year-reimbursement for eligible expenses up to \$17,000 per AY	\$10,000/AY (Total \$20,000 for 2-YR Program students for the full stipend program length)	\$25,000/AY	\$18,500/AY	\$4k-6k/AY	\$20,000/AY
Practicum Placement (settings)*	In the 1 <sup>st</sup> year, at an agency that works with children and families. In 2 <sup>nd</sup> year, the Pasadena office of LA County DCFS	First year internship at an organization working with at-risk children and families. Second year- Monterey Park or Commerce offices of LA Co DCFS; Employees: same as above in 1 <sup>st</sup> year. 2 <sup>nd</sup> year, LA Co DCFS macro placement	Behavioral health (Mental health and/or substance use)	Student must be at an agency that delivers publicly funded behavioral health care services, e.g., community-based behavioral health care clinics and agencies, inpatient psychiatric hospitals, schools, colleges, SELPAs, etc.	Must currently be interning (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. placement) or previously interned (1 <sup>st</sup> yr. placement) at a DMH directly agency or DMH contracted agency	Must match and place with a GSWEC approved agency for 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. internship	Foundation year must involve delivering public services for aging and/or vulnerable adults, Advanced year must be in an adult protective services agency.
Stipend Program Training requirements	Mandatory specialized seminars (non-credited)	Mandatory specialized seminars (in addition to MSW program)	Yes	Mandatory specialized seminars (in addition to MSW program)		GSWEC provides training didactics during internship. Must complete a macro	Mandatory specialized seminars (in addition to MSW program)



		requirements and not for credit)		requirements and not for credit)		project/poster board presentation at end of the year GSWEC celebration	requirements and not for credit)
<b>MSW elective courses required for the stipend program</b>	SW 5805 <sup>3</sup>	SW 5805 <sup>3</sup>	SW 5802 <sup>1</sup> & SW 5804 <sup>2</sup>	SW 5802 <sup>1</sup> & SW 5804 <sup>2</sup>			SW 5806 <sup>4</sup> and then either SW 5802 <sup>1</sup> & SW 5804 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Minimum required years of post-MSW work Commitment</b>	Recipients agree to work for LA County DCFS for a minimum of 2 years after graduation	2-year program students: Contractual agreement to work at any county PCW agency in the State of CA, CDSS, or Tribal/urban Indian agency 2 years post-grad; 3-year program (County PCW employees) agree to return to agency of employment for 2 years immediately after MSW program completion	5 yrs in the fields of behavioral health providing clinical services to children/youth (up to 25 yrs old) and/or their caregivers in unserved/underserved communities.	1 year per year of stipend received. For example, if you receive the stipend for two years, then you owe two years of service.	Commit one-year (12 months) employment post-degree in a clinical capacity at either a directly operated or agency contracted by LAC DMH.	No work commitment	1 year per year of stipend received. For example, if you receive the stipend for two years, then you owe two years of service.
<b>Payback requirement if post-MSW commitment is not met</b>	Yes. Pro-rated if obligation is partially completed.	Yes. Pro-rated if obligation is partially completed.	No (but HCAI keeps fellows' contact information)	Yes. Pro-rated if obligation is partially completed.	Yes, payment will be pro-rated if part of the commitment is not fulfilled.		Yes. Pro-rated if obligation is partially completed.
<b>Program Coordinator</b>	Lisa Valenzuela, MSW <a href="mailto:lvalen20@calstatela.edu">lvalen20@calstatela.edu</a>	Carol Mroz, MSW <a href="mailto:cmroz@calstatela.edu">cmroz@calstatela.edu</a>	Ga-Young Choi, Ph.D. <a href="mailto:gchoi11@calstatela.edu">gchoi11@calstatela.edu</a>	James Simon, PhD, LCSW <a href="mailto:jsimon7@calstatela.edu">jsimon7@calstatela.edu</a>	Hermila Melero, LCSW <a href="mailto:hmelero2@calstatela.edu">hmelero2@calstatela.edu</a>	Hermila Melero, LCSW <a href="mailto:hmelero2@calstatela.edu">hmelero2@calstatela.edu</a>	James Simon, PhD, LCSW <a href="mailto:jsimon7@calstatela.edu">jsimon7@calstatela.edu</a>

<sup>1</sup> SW 5802: Empowerment and Recovery in Mental Health

<sup>2</sup> SW 5804: Trauma, Substance Abuse & Violence

<sup>3</sup> SW 5805: Policy & Practice in Public Child Welfare

<sup>4</sup> SW 5806: Grief and Loss in Later Life

\* All stipend programs require students to intern at an appropriate placement. Students must successfully pass a background clearance. Additionally, some agencies require they pass a drug screening and/or psychological evaluation.

# Application Recap

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## Step 1

**Starting February 1, 2024, complete the university online graduate application at <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply> for Summer semester at the DTLA campus**  
MSW ASP application is included in Quadrant 4 (Q4) of the university application

## Step 2

**Upload the following documents in the university application in Q4**

1. Personal Statement
  2. Resume
  3. Unofficial transcript from each college and university attended
- Provide accurate name and email address for your 3 references

## Step 3

**Be sure you submitted the 2024-25 Graduate Application for Summer semester at the DTLA campus.**  
**The application deadline is February 28, 2024**  
**All application materials must be received by February 28, 2024**



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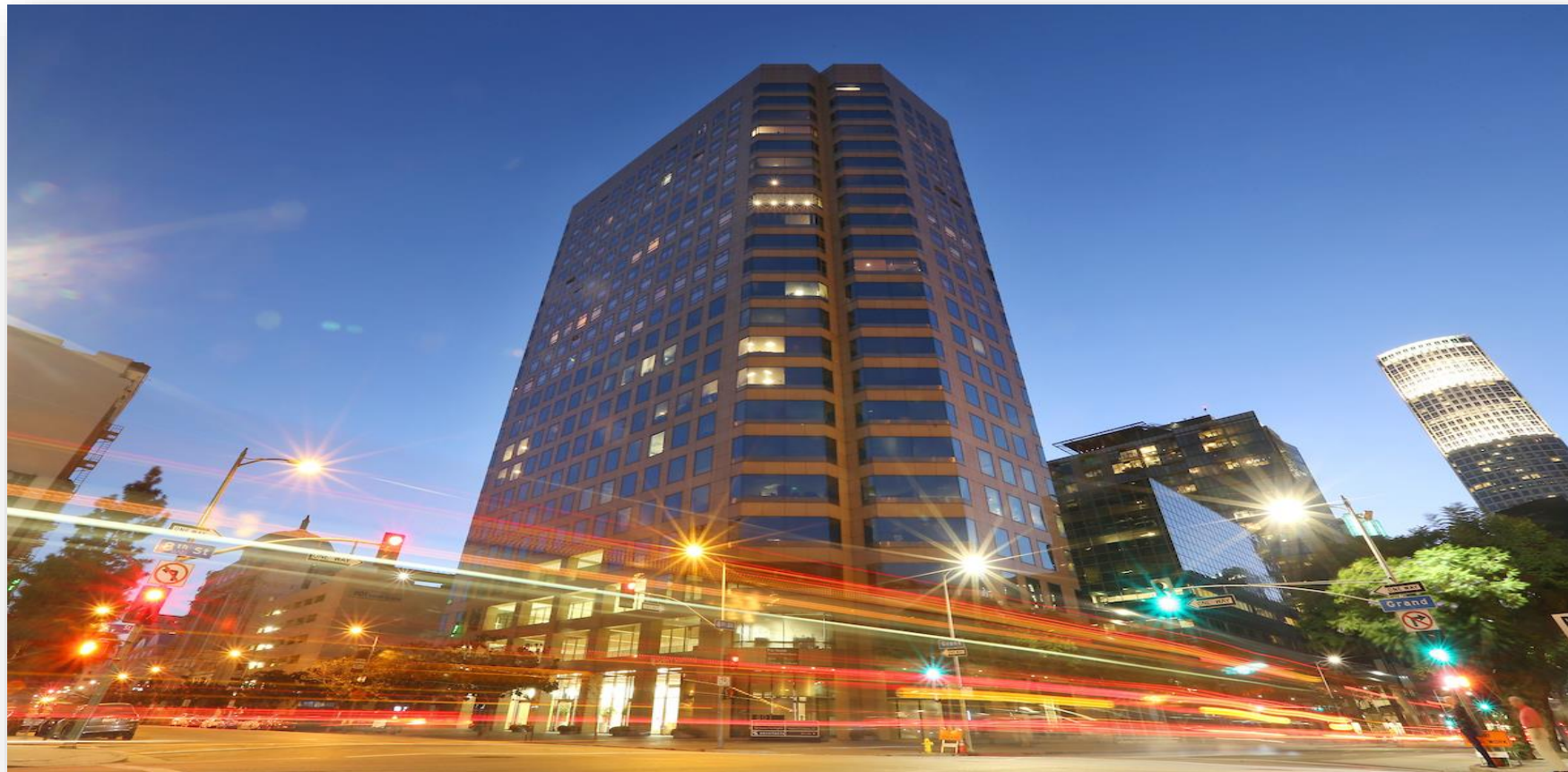


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# Student Services

Students enrolled at Cal State LA Downtown have access to a variety of student services offered both on the Main Campus and at Cal State LA Downtown.

## Cal State LA Downtown Services:

- Advocating university academic policies and procedures
- Drafting of strategies for success
- Meetings with students to support overall well-being
- Facilitation of referrals to other student support services
- Writing services

If you are seeking any student services at Cal State LA Downtown, please contact:

**Cynthia Perez, Director of Student Services and DTLA Operations**

[cperez221@calstatela.edu](mailto:cperez221@calstatela.edu) or 888-541-3852



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# Student Services

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## Main Campus Resources:

- [The University Library](#)
- [Annex 24/7 Lab](#)
- [Graduate Resource Center](#)
- [Career Development Center](#)
- [University Writing Center](#)
- [University Testing Center](#)
- [The Office for Students with Disabilities](#)
- [Dreamers Resource Center](#)
- [The Veterans Resource Center](#)



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