MISSION STATEMENT FOR
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

California State University, Long Beach is a large urban comprehensive university in the
California State University system. Its mission is high-quality education leading toward a broad
range of baccalaureate and master's degrees spanning the liberal arts and sciences and many
applied and professional fields, with emphasis on instruction at the upper-division (junior and
senior) and graduate levels, in accordance with the California Master Plan for Higher Education.

CSULB is committed to serving the people of California. To assure access and equity consistent
with educational priorities, the University endeavors to serve students who can only attend in the
evening as well as those who can attend during traditional day time hours, those who must
attend part-time as well as those who attend full-time, and those from population groups whose
rates of enrollment historically have been lower than average as well as those from groups that
have had historically higher rates of education. The University serves students who have
graduated in the top third of the State's high school graduating class, students who have
completed a community college program, and adults reentering education.

The University's educational mission is to promote intellectual and personal development and to
prepare students for lifelong learning as well as preparing them to succeed in a variety of
professional endeavors and to function as informed, contributing members of the community. To
these ends, the mission of the undergraduate curriculum is grounded in a strong general
education program, emphasizing the acquisition of writing, critical thinking, and analytical skills
and knowledge of cultural and artistic traditions, the analysis of human behavior and society in
the past and present, and scientific modes of inquiry. The mission of all degree programs is to
provide each student with the skills necessary to pursue knowledge and to integrate information
from various sources, and also to provide depth in at least one area of specialization. The
mission of the graduate programs is to prepare students to enter careers requiring training
beyond the baccalaureate, to advance in their jobs, or to pursue advanced study. Doctoral
programs are intended to provide both advanced knowledge and the skills needed to pursue
independent research. Educational support programs and services for students emphasize the
importance of personal, interpersonal, and societal development.

A fundamental goal of all of the University's programs is to prepare students to function
effectively in a culturally diverse society, by developing an understanding of our diverse heritage,
including the essential contributions of women and ethnic minorities. Instruction emphasizes the
ethical and social dimensions of all disciplines, as well as their applications to contemporary
world issues. Building upon the culturally diverse region it serves and the international character
of its faculty, the University emphasizes international education in its curriculum.

The University seeks to involve students in learning by offering most of the curriculum in small
sections taught by fully qualified, professionally active faculty members, and by providing
opportunities for undergraduate as well as graduate students to work with faculty members in
independent study and research. CSULB serves the surrounding community through applied
research, training and community service programs, and consulting for government agencies,
non-profit organizations, and private industry.
Effective: Immediately