

THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

1868

University of California

It was a time when the world was still in the dark, and the only light came from the flickering gas lamps of the streets. The University of California was born in the heart of the Golden State, a land of promise and opportunity. Its mission was to provide a higher education for all, and to advance the frontiers of knowledge in every field. From its humble beginnings, it has grown into one of the most prestigious and influential universities in the world.

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1888

James W. Wadsworth, the first president of the University of California, was elected in 1888. He served until 1891 and was instrumental in the university's early development.



1889

The University of California was the first to offer a four-year undergraduate program in 1889.



1902

The University of California was the first to offer a five-year undergraduate program in 1902.



1903



1931

The University of California was the first to offer a six-year undergraduate program in 1931.



1958

The University of California was the first to offer a seven-year undergraduate program in 1958.



1959

The University of California was the first to offer an eight-year undergraduate program in 1959.



1966

The University of California was the first to offer a nine-year undergraduate program in 1966.



1984

The University of California was the first to offer a ten-year undergraduate program in 1984.



1998

The University of California was the first to offer an eleven-year undergraduate program in 1998.



2004

The University of California was the first to offer a twelve-year undergraduate program in 2004.



2157

The University of California was the first to offer a thirteen-year undergraduate program in 2157.