

SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY

Life as a Spartan

Join the
Spartan Family –
Attend SJSU

[SJSU.edu/Admissions](https://www.sjsu.edu/Admissions)

When you become a student at San José State University, you're not just beginning your college experience, you're joining a new, extended family. The Spartan family is a diverse, close-knit community that supports, encourages, and guides new students along a path toward success at the largest public university in Silicon Valley. Here's a glimpse of what our community offers new members of the Spartan family.

Spartan Life

Clubs

SJSU is home to more than 400 student organizations and clubs, which are great ways to get involved on campus.

Downtown

SJSU is located in downtown San José, a dynamic scene home to major sports, museums, fine restaurants, and shops easily accessible by public transportation.

Eateries

There are a number of places to eat on and near campus, offering a wide variety of choices, from pizza, hamburgers and sandwiches, to Vietnamese, Indian and Mexican cuisine.

Event Center

Enjoy SJSU sporting events, including basketball games and gymnastics meets, comedy shows, and concerts on campus at the Provident Credit Union Event Center, which has featured performances by Drake, Kendrick Lamar, Shawn Mendes, Panic! at the Disco, The 1975, and David Guetta.

Fraternities and Sororities

If you're interested in Greek Life, we have a number of fraternities and sororities to choose from with more than 40 recognized chapters that are members of four governing councils: Interfraternity Council, National Panhellenic Council, Panhellenic Council, and the United Sorority and Fraternity Council.

Fitness Center

Enjoy our newly built \$130 million Spartan Recreation and Aquatic Center, a 128,000-square-foot structure that offers something for every student, including fitness classes, sporting and recreation clubs, rock-climbing, and pick-up games. The SRAC offers a variety of features and amenities:

- Five workout areas featuring 20,000 feet of cardio and strength equipment
- Three full-court gyms for basketball, volleyball, and badminton
- Four exercise studios for yoga, spin, Les Mills GRIT™ Strength training, and aerobics
- 1/8-mile indoor track
- Rock wall and bouldering area
- 50-meter lap pool
- Recreation pool with sundeck and barbecue area
- Two casual lounges
- Group fitness classes from Aqua to Zumba
- Personal trainers

Location

With 300 days of sunshine per year, San José is ranked as one of the 'Best Places to Live' in America by U.S. News & World Report.

Mobile App

San José State has its own mobile app that allows students to connect with one another online, view upcoming campus events, and access important information about university housing, dining on campus, student organizations, and alternative transportation. The SJSU Sammy App can be downloaded to a smartphone or tablet via the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Outdoor Activities

Through the Spartan Recreation and Aquatic Center, students have the chance to participate in various outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, surfing, rock climbing, and mountain biking.

Performing Arts

San José State's Hammer Theatre is a modern performance venue in the heart of downtown San José, providing music, theatre, dance and guest speaker events with student, local, and international talent.

Region

Located in northern California's Silicon Valley, 48 miles south of San Francisco, San José is the 10th largest city in the country, and the 3rd largest in California.

Safety

San José State's police department is a full-service police department that provides a number of services, including escorts and shuttle rides for students so they can avoid walking alone at night, and blue light phones throughout campus that can be used to contact university police.

Sports

In addition to our Division I athletic teams, SJSU offers opportunities for students to compete against other students in various intramural sports and on Club Sports teams, which represent SJSU at inter-collegiate competitions locally, across California, and even nationally.

Student Media

- Student Newspaper - Spartan Daily
- Student Magazine - Access Magazine, SHIFT, The Spear
- Student Radio Station - KSJS 90.5 FM
- Student TV Program - Equal Time (airs on local PBS station)
- Student Film Production - Spartan Film Studios

Student Union

The Diaz Compean Student Union is a place where students can relax, study, grab a bite to eat, and utilize campus resources as well as attend social events such as movie screenings in the Student Union Theater, game nights in the Bowling Center, DIY food events, and live music.

Study Abroad and Away

Whether you want to spend a year, a semester, or a few weeks increasing your global awareness, SJSU offers study abroad programs that fit your needs and provide you with opportunities to learn about different cultures, ideas, and most importantly about yourself. We also offer domestic Alternative Spring Break programs (non-credit) and Faculty-Led Programs (credit) during the spring and summer breaks.

Transportation

San José has a number of public transportation options that serve the region, including:

- BART (Bay Area Regional Transit)
- ACE Rail (Altamont Corridor Express)
- Highway 17 Express Bus
- SamTrans Bus
- VTA Lightrail
- Caltrain
- Amtrak (Capitol Corridor)

There are also alternative transportation options for people to get to SJSU, including carsharing, carpooling, and even riding your bicycle.

Weeks of Welcome

During the first weeks of the fall semester, there are many social events to help students get connected and build friendships, educational programs to support students as they develop their independence, and academic workshops to assist students in preparing for their classes.



Spartan Support

Accessible Education Center (AEC)

sjsu.edu/aec

The AEC proudly presents its vision of redefining ability by providing comprehensive services in support of the educational development and success of students with disabilities.

Academic Advising and Retention Services

sjsu.edu/AARS

Academic Advising and Retention Services provides advising for General Education, Undeclared-PreNursing students, students requiring supported instruction, international students and those on probation or who have been disqualified.

African-American/Black Student Success Center

sjsu.edu/africanamericanblackssc

The African-American/Black Student Success Center's primary mission is retaining, empowering, and successfully graduating African-American/Black students at SJSU.

Career Center

sjsu.edu/careercenter

The Career Center will help you explore majors and careers, build experience, and identify and launch your career path.

Cesar E. Chavez Community Action Center (CCCAC)

sjsu.edu/as/departments/cesar-chavez-center

The CCCAC connects students with community service opportunities that deepen educational experience while promoting lifelong commitment to civic activism and social justice.

Chicanx/Latinx Student Success Center (CLSSC)

sjsu.edu/chicanxlatinxssc

The CLSSC is devoted to providing inclusive and welcoming community spaces that affirm students' intersecting identities, validate their capabilities, develop their skills, and foster positive interactions and relationships.

College Student Success Centers

sjsu.edu/sfs/advising

Each college at San José State provides hands-on advising for students pursuing an academic program (major) within that college. Advisors provide assistance with general advising, changing majors and academic policy-related questions.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

sjsu.edu/counseling

CAPS advances personal development, enhances student learning, and addresses life crises by providing culturally inclusive mental health services and educational counseling.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

sjsu.edu/eop

The Educational Opportunity Program is designed to improve student academic support of first-generation, low-income and educationally disadvantaged students. The program provides admission, academic, and financial assistance to EOP-eligible undergraduate students considered California residents or AB540 students.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Office (FASO)

sjsu.edu/faso

The Financial Aid and Scholarship Office helps students and their families with available funding programs to help cover the cost of their education through grants, loans, work study, and scholarships.

Gender Equity Center (GenEC)

sjsu.edu/genec

The GenEC strives to empower our students and educate the campus on a multitude of issues facing society based on gender.

Guardian Scholars Program (GSP)

sjsu.edu/eop/guardian-scholars

The GSP provides holistic support services for former and current foster youth, wards of the court, unaccompanied homeless youth, and youth under legal guardianship. Guardian Scholars is part of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).

Library (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library)

<https://library.sjsu.edu>

The library offers more than 2.5 million print books and e-books, over 800 electronic databases and over 200,000 e-journals, as well as personalized research guidance and access to technology services which enables students to explore and succeed.

MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center

sjsu.edu/mosaic

The MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center provides support services and advocacy for historically underrepresented identity groups, along with programming, events, and leadership opportunities for all students, staff, faculty and San José community members.

New Student and Family Programs

sjsu.edu/newspartans

New Student and Family Programs offers several programs to support new students and their parent(s)/family as they transition into SJSU, including a Parent and Family Portal, which provides a way for parents and families to stay involved with their Spartan at San José State.

Office of the Registrar

sjsu.edu/registrar

The Office of the Registrar processes, maintains, and protects all of the official student records at SJSU, from admission to after students graduate.

Peer Connections (Tutoring and Mentoring)

<http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu>

Peer Connections offers free mentoring, tutoring, and supplemental instruction services for students at SJSU.

Pride Center

sjsu.edu/pride

Through programming and educational outreach the PRIDE Center seeks to improve the campus climate for LGBTQ+ students and advocate for the respect and safety of all members of the campus community.

SJSU Cares

sjsu.edu/sjsucares

SJSU Cares assists students who are facing an unforeseen economic crisis by providing direct support and referrals around basic needs, including food, housing, and emergency assistance.

Student Health Center

sjsu.edu/studenthealth

When you enroll at SJSU, you gain access to our fully accredited medical facility located on campus in the Student Wellness Center that provides treatment and care in support of the student community's well-being.

Student Involvement

sjsu.edu/getinvolved

Student Involvement provides co-curricular activities that help students in a number of ways, including: develop critical thinking skills, practice effective communication, build multicultural competence, learn the importance of active citizenship; gain practical competence/life skills; discover their leadership and interpersonal style; and overall, feel more connected to their peers, staff, faculty, and the overall campus community.

UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center

sjsu.edu/undocuspartan

The UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center (USRC) works alongside undocumented/AB540 students and allies to create a campus community that is welcoming and inclusive of all students regardless of their immigration status.

Veterans Resource Center

sjsu.edu/veterans

The Veterans Resource Center assists eligible student veterans, active duty service persons, dependents, reservists, and National Guard members with state and federal education benefit programs.

Writing Center

sjsu.edu/writingcenter

The Writing Center offers a variety of resources to help students become better writers, and all of our services are free for SJSU students.

Spartan Pride



Academics

Ranked seventh among top public universities in the western U.S. by U.S. News & World Report.



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Research

With \$60 million in annual research, SJSU is a top-200 school nationally in terms of research spending.

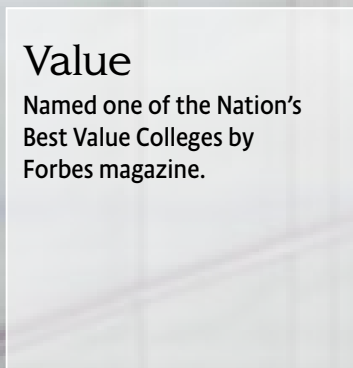


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Value

Named one of the Nation's Best Value Colleges by Forbes magazine.

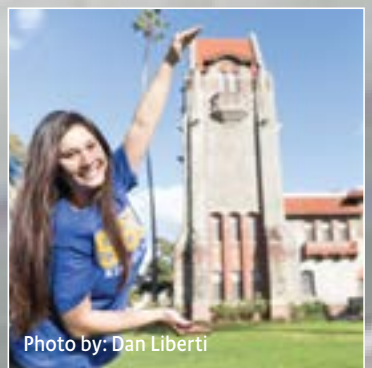


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Athletics

Of SJSU's 22 NCAA Division I men's and women's sports teams, an all-time high 57 athletes were named to the Academic All-Mountain West team.

Careers

Number one supplier of education, engineering, computer science and business graduates to Silicon Valley, the world's high-tech capital.



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Veterans

Among the nation's top veterans serving academic institutions.



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History

With a history that spans more than 150 years, SJSU is the founding campus of the 23-campus California State University (CSU) system.



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Social Mobility

SJSU is one of the top public universities in the West for enrolling and graduating economically disadvantaged students eligible for Pell Grants.



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Innovation

SJSU is considered one of the "Most Innovative Schools" among public universities in the West for making the most innovative improvements in terms of curriculum, faculty, students, campus life, technology, and facilities.

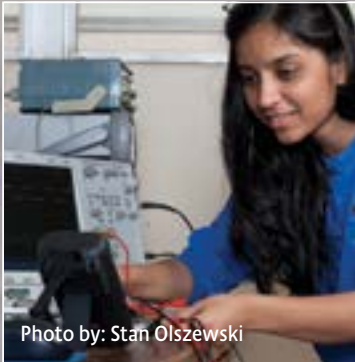


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Diversity

Ranked third among public universities in the West for ethnic diversity by U.S. News & World Report.



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Top Hiring Employers

Adobe Systems

Amazon

Apple

Cisco

City of San José

County of Santa Clara

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

EY

Facebook

Google LLC

Grant Thornton

Intel Corporation

Kaiser Permanente

KPMG LLP

Lockheed Martin

Oracle

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