Special Programs and Services

Academic Computing

SDSU provides access to a large number of software packages including programming languages, the Microsoft Office Suite (word processing, spreadsheets, presentations), relational databases, statistical software, and large research-oriented databases. E-mail accounts are provided to students and server accounts are available for those who want to create Web sites.

The university has more than 2,000 desktop computers located in 80 departmental/college computer laboratories. The largest laboratories, which are open to all students, are the Student Computer Center located in Love Library, Room 200 (PCs, Macintoshes, and printing) and the College of Arts and Letters Laboratory, located in Professional Studies and Fine Arts, Room 136 (PCs and printing). Outside of the laboratories, students may connect to the wireless network which covers the entire campus. Many SDSU instructors use the Blackboard learning management system to communicate with students, post grades, distribute materials, and facilitate learning activities beyond the classroom. Student accounts in Blackboard are automatically created upon enrollment and use the same login credentials as the SDSU WebPortal. Access to courses in Blackboard occurs when instructors make their courses available to students. The Blackboard Web site is http://blackboard.sdsu.edu.

Alumni Association

The SDSU Alumni Association is dedicated to connecting SDSU alumni to the university and each other. Membership in the San Diego State University Alumni Association is open to those individuals who have an abiding interest in and commitment to the growth and future of SDSU and the community it serves.

The Alumni Association is a dynamic, exciting organization whose purpose is to serve and support the university and its graduates. It offers a number of programs and services designed to meet the variety of needs and interests of its alumni, including library privileges, reduced admission to many cultural activities and sporting events, discounts on purchases at the Aztec Store, access to SDSU's Career Services for a nominal fee, and a subscription to SDSU Magazine, a monthly electronic newsletter, and Aztec update: publications for alumni and friends of the university.

In addition, the Alumni Association sponsors The Montys (annual awards event honoring alumni of the university), provides scholarships for students, organizes Homecoming, provides input regarding university programs and policies, and provides excellent networking opportunities through a myriad of events.

For further information call the Alumni Office at 619-594-2586 or visit http://www.sdsualumni.org.

Associated Students of San Diego State University

Associated Students (AS) is an independent student-directed corporation that is one of the largest student governance organizations in the CSU system. As an affiliate of San Diego State University, the programs and facilities AS manages are enjoyed by students, faculty, staff, and the SDSU Community. Associated Students can be reached by calling 619-594-6555 or visit http://www.as.sdsu.edu.

Student Government. The Associated Students (AS) Government Affairs Office is the home to all student government activities on campus. The AS Council is the representative voice for all SDSU students and the student government leaders work hard every day to ensure that the interests of students are served. Aside from serving as the student council, elected AS representatives also serve a dual role, as the Board of Directors for the AS, which is a non-profit student directed corporation that operates eight fully-functional facilities on and off of campus and a number of programs and services. The Government Affairs Office is the first stop for students who wish to get involved with Associated Students. The office also oversees the AS Legal & Financial Services Program as well as the Good Neighbor Program. More information is available by calling 619-594-6555, or online at http://www.as.sdsu.edu/govt. The Government Affairs Office is located on the 2nd floor of the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center, Suite 230.

Aztec Center Student Union. The Aztec Center served as the hub of student life at SDSU from 1968-2011. The original Aztec Center was demolished in summer 2011 to make way for a new, state of the art, LEED Platinum Aztec Center Student Union, which is scheduled to open in fall 2013. In the interim period, services provided by Aztec Center, such as meeting rooms in Aztec Mesa and Scripps Cottage, and Career programming (Cultural Arts & Special Events), will be handled out of our temporary space in Aztec Mesa. CASE programming will continue during the closure period, and provide high-quality, FREE events for SDSU students during the academic semesters. For more information, call 619-594-5278, visit http://as.sdsu.edu/news/aztec_center or e-mail asmtgsvs@mail.sdsu.edu.

Children’s Center. The Children’s Center, a quality service of Associated Students, provides an educational childcare program for children between 6 months and pre-kindergarten-5 years of age. Priority for enrollment starts with SDSU students, followed by children of faculty and staff, and then children of SDSU alumni and the larger community as space is available. The Center serves as the Laboratory School for the Child and Family Development Department within the College of Education. In addition, the Center collaborates with other campus departments in support of academic research, observational learning and opportunities to link academic coursework with hands-on learning while working with children and families in the Center. The Children’s Center is located in the lower “E Lot,” north of Parking Structure 6. For more information call 619-594-7941, e-mail ccc_info@mail.sdsu.edu, or visit www.childcare.sdsu.edu.

Viejas Arena. Home to Aztec Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Viejas Arena is San Diego’s premier venue for everything from concerts to sporting events, family shows, conventions, conferences, and corporate and university events. This state-of-the-art, 12,000-seat facility is complete with award winning acoustics, VIP lounges, and star dressing rooms, as well as a distinctive outdoor concourse area. On-site is a full-service ticket office and TicketMaster location for events throughout California. The Viejas Arena is adjacent to the Aztec Recreation Center in the heart of the SDSU campus with nearby parking for 4,000 vehicles. Call 619-594-0234 or visit http://www.viejasarena.com for more information.

Open Air Theatre and Entertainment. Located amidst the original landscaping of San Diego State University, this historic venue is ideal for watching your favorite musical group while sitting under the stars. Built in 1934, this 4,800 seat amphitheater has played host to sold out concerts, lectures, symphonic performances and university events. Generations of guests have enjoyed this theater’s natural acoustics which complement the sound of all music genres. On site are full-service concession stands and a two-level hospitality suite, equipped with open balconies and dressing rooms. For event information, call 619-594-0234 or visit http://www.viejasarena.com.

Aztec Recreation. Aztec Recreation Center (ARC). The Aztec Recreation Center (ARC) is a 76,000 square foot state-of-the-art fitness and recreation facility operated by Associated Students/SDSU. The ARC is the hub to all Aztec Recreation programs and has home offices for many of the department programs. ARC membership includes access to programs and facilities including the ARC, Aztec Aquaplex, Tennis, Racquetball, Group Fitness classes, Intramural Sports leagues, as well as greatly discounted prices on selected Mission Bay Aquatic Center Rec Classes, Aztec Adventure outings and ARC Rec Classes. Call 619-594-PLAY or visit http://www.arc.sdsu.edu for more information.
Athletics

Aztec Aquaplex. The Aztec Aquaplex is SDSU's outdoor swimming and recreation facility operated by Associated Students/SDSU Aztec Recreation. The Aquaplex Center members get access to the Aquaplex for drop-in lounging, lap swimming, and water fitness classes. The facility is shared with Aztec Athletics and is home to the Aztec Women's Swimming and Diving team as well as the Aztec Women's Water Polo team. Call 619-594-SWIM or visit http://www.arc.sdsu.edu for more information.

Mission Bay Aquatic Center (MBAC). The world-renowned Mission Bay Aquatic Center is Associated Students' waterfront facility offering watersports classes, rentals, and special events. Every semester, hundreds of students earn university credit while learning to waterboard, surf, kayak, sail, row, or windsurf in one of the semester-long School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences watersport activities classes. Located off-campus at 1001 Santa Clara Point in Mission Beach, MBAC is just a short ride by car or is easily accessible by the San Diego Trolley and San Diego MTS. Call 858-488-1000 or for more information visit http://www.mbaquaticcenter.com.

Aztec Adventures. Aztec Adventures has provided SDSU with leadership, education, and culture since 1977 and is a program of Associated Students/SDSU Aztec Recreation. The Aztec Adventures philosophy; traveling in the outdoors by simple means is a healthy alternative to our normally technologically-dependent lifestyles. In addition to outdoor trips, the Aztec Adventure Program operates the climbing wall located inside the Aztec Recreation Center and offers a team building program for student clubs and organizations. For more information call 619-594-6958 or visit http://aztecadventures.sdsu.edu.

Aztec Tennis Courts. The Aztec Tennis Courts feature 12 lighted outdoor courts and are available for drop-in recreation for Aztec Recreation Center members. This facility is an athletics facility home to both Men's and Women's Aztec Tennis Teams; however, Aztec Recreation Center members are granted access through programming provided by Associated Students/SDSU, Aztec Recreation. The courts are accessible through the Aztec Aquaplex at 5375 Remington Road, adjacent to Tony Gwynn Stadium.

Recreational Sports Racquetball Courts. The Rec Sports facilities are a program of Associated Students/SDSU and access to the courts is available to Aztec Recreation Center members. The facility includes eight indoor courts, free equipment check-out, and racquetball ladder tournament. The courts are located in Peterson Gymnasium 196.

Intramural Sports. SDSU students, faculty, staff, and ARC members have the opportunity to participate in recreational activities on a competitive or recreational level. Intramural sports leagues are available in a variety of indoor and outdoor sports throughout the year. Individuals can form a team with friends or sign-up independently. The intramural sports fee is included in the ARC membership.

Sports Clubs. The SDSU Sports Clubs program consists of 18 competitive collegiate club teams. Each club team is developed, organized, and managed by students with guidance from the professional staff and coaches. The emphasis for sport club activities is leadership. Sports Clubs thrive only by obtaining active student involvement and participation from club team leaders and its members. Sports Clubs compete in organized intercollegiate competitions at local, state, regional, and national levels. Both new and experienced student-athletes are actively recruited. In fact, many students are new to their sport. Sports Club teams are an excellent setting for the development of athletic skills, student leadership skills, and social opportunities.

Audiology Clinic and Speech-Language Clinic

Audiology Clinic. The clinic provides assessment and remediation services for SDSU students, staff, faculty, and the community. The clinics offer opportunities for research, consultation, supervised field internships, continuing education, and other service activities.

In the Audiology Clinic, Audiologic services include hearing assessment, hearing aid evaluation and selection, assistive listening devices, and aural rehabilitation therapy.

In the Speech-Language Clinic, comprehensive diagnostic and treatment programs are available for children and adults in the areas of delayed speech/language development, voice, fluency or articulation disorders, aphasia, cleft palate, cerebral palsy, loss of communication function, and hearing loss. Also provided are services for bilingual/multicultural clients and speakers of English as a second language.

The Assistive Device Assessment Program provides language, cognitive, and technical assessments related to augmentative/assistive devices and systems for individuals who have communication disabilities.

In the Audiology Clinic, Audiologic services include hearing assessment, hearing aid evaluation and selection, assistive listening device evaluations, earmolds, ear protectors, hearing conservation and aural rehabilitation therapy.

The clinics are located at 5245 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-1518 and can be reached at 619-594-7747.

Aztec Shops, Ltd.

Aztec Shops, Ltd., founded in 1932, is a not-for-profit corporation that functions primarily as an auxiliary of San Diego State University. The corporation provides a diverse portfolio of commercial services including operation of the bookstore and dining services on campus. Aztec Shops also operates selected other enterprises at San Diego State and at other colleges and universities. The corporation employs close to 200 full-time professionals and up to 800 part-time employees – mainly students – during busiest times.

SDSU Bookstore. The flagships of Aztec Shops' retail operations, the SDSU Bookstore is one of the largest campus bookstores in the country as measured by sales. The 25,000-square-foot facility –located in the heart of campus – carries every text (required and optional) for every class taught at SDSU. The facility’s "Bookstore
within a Bookstore" offers an impressive selection of general-interest titles including volumes for children. The store's well-staffed special order desk is available to secure even the most hard-to-find titles. Aztec Shops is the exclusive licensee for the San Diego State University logo and related images. The SDSU Bookstore features the most extensive selection of SDSU-imprinted clothing and gifts available. The store also houses a full-service computer hardware and software department that offers significant academic discounts on the most popular systems from Sony and Apple as well as the most current versions of the nation's most popular software. A broad selection of school supplies, cards, gift and graduation regalia round out the store's offerings. For more information, call 619-594-7525 or visit http://www.sdsubookstore.com.

SDSU Dining Services. Aztec Shops is responsible for all restaurants and other food service outlets on the SDSU campus. The corporation operates SDSU's Meal Plan Program which allows residence hall students to choose interesting and healthy meals from virtually any restaurant on campus. In addition to residence hall dining programs, we developed and operate our own branded restaurants such as Sub Connection and Vinnie's Gourmet Italian Deli in East Commons. We also contract with other restaurant operators such as Rubio's and Panda Express to provide quality food and service on campus. In addition to the varied restaurant options, Aztec Shops operates six Aztec Market convenience stores on campus, including a 3,000-square-foot store in East Commons. All stores carry a wide variety of grab-and-go beverages, sandwiches and salads, as well as traditional convenience store items. SDSU Dining Services' Catering Department is the recognized caterer for all events on the SDSU campus. For more information, call 619-594-7640 or visit http://www.eatsatsdsu.com.

Other operations. Other Aztec Shops operations include:

Aztec Store – Located in San Diego's Fashion Valley Mall, the store offers Aztec team apparel and SDSU imprinted gifts.

The Campus Store – Aztec Shops operates The Campus Store, the bookstore at the SDSU branch campus in Calexico, CA.

Concessions – Aztec Shops operates the concession stands at the Open Air Theatre, Tony Gwynn Stadium, and Viejas Arena.

Elderhostel – Aztec Shops runs a successful Elderhostel program that brings senior citizens from around the country to San Diego for specialized educational enrichment programs.

Montezuma Publishing – As part of its commitment to providing course materials for every class, Aztec Shops operates Montezuma Publishing which prints customized course materials and readers, securing copyright permissions when necessary.

University Towers – In November 2000, Aztec Shops purchased the well-known El Conquistador residence hall near the SDSU campus. Renamed University Towers, the facility is home to more than 500 students during the academic year.

California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB)

Susan Baxter, Executive Director

Created in 1987 as a CSU system-wide program, the California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) develops a professional biotechnology workforce by mobilizing and supporting collaborative CSU student and faculty research, innovative educational practices, and responding to and anticipating the needs of the life science industry. The CSUPERB program office is hosted at San Diego State University. CSUPERB promotes biotechnology workforce development by supporting innovative coursework and pro-grams, real-world research experiences, and core resources for faculty and students at all 23 CSU campuses. The program involves students and faculty from life sciences, physical sciences, clinical sciences, engineering, agriculture, math, business and computer science departments and programs. CSUPERB organizes the annual CSU Biotechnology Symposium and serves as the official biotechnology liaison for the CSU with government, educational, and industry partners. In addition, CSUPERB administers and manages a small business administration (SBA) award to develop biotechnology industry responsive curricula.

CSUPERB recognizes that modern biotechnology preparation requires the integration of coursework, hands-on practice and participation in multi-disciplinary, team-based research projects. CSUPERB grants and awards programs have been developed to support these activities system-wide. Programs include: Howell-CSUPERB Research Scholars Awards for undergraduate student researchers, the Crellin Pauling Student Teaching Awards, the Don Eden Graduate Student Research Awards, Travel Grants programs for students and faculty; the New Investigator Grants, the Research Development Grants, the Entrepreneurial Joint Venture Grants, and Biotechnology Programmatic Development Grants. In combination these programs award more than $650,000 to CSU faculty and students annually.

CSUPERB programs and activities are administered by an Executive Director, a strategic planning council composed of faculty and deans from CSU campuses, and a faculty consensus group composed of four faculty representatives from each CSU campus. CSUPERB is overseen by a Presidents' Commission composed of CSU presidents from CSU Channel Islands, CSU East Bay, CSU Los Angeles, CSU San Marcos, Humboldt State University, San Diego State University, and an Executive Vice Chancellor. Visit the program Web site at http://www.calstate.edu/csuperb for more information.

Developmental Writing Program

The Developmental Writing program, in the Department of Rhetoric and Writing Studies, assists students in completing the university's writing competency requirement. The program's services are available on an enrollment basis only. The university requires students to demonstrate writing competency consistent with its established standards and, accordingly, requires all entering students to pass various writing competency tests. Students who do not score high enough on any of these tests must enroll in appropriate developmental writing coursework in the Department of Rhetoric and Writing Studies during their first semester at SDSU. As of fall 2001, incoming freshmen have only three consecutive academic semesters in which to complete developmental writing requirements.

General Mathematics Studies

The General Mathematics Studies mathematics laboratory offers tutorial assistance to students enrolled in GMS courses. This service is designed to assist students in completing the CSU ELM requirement. The university requires all students to demonstrate mathematics proficiency consistent with its established standards. In particular, students who fail the ELM must enroll in the appropriate General Mathematics Studies course in their first semester and continue until they have satisfied this requirement. Incoming freshmen have only three consecutive academic semesters in which to complete developmental math requirements.

Honors Council

The Honors Council was formed in 1989. It comprises representatives of the Honors Program and of Phi Eta Sigma, Scholars Without Borders, Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, and Phi Beta Kappa interdisciplinary honor societies.

The purposes of the Honors Council are:

- To act as an advisory and coordinating resource center for the interdisciplinary honor societies on campus;
- To promote the specific interests of the above listed honor societies;
- To promote the common concerns of all honor societies and honors programs at San Diego State University;
- To cooperate with the faculty and administrative officers in developing and maintaining high academic standards;
- To recognize students and faculty for their achievements in scholarship, leadership, and service;
- To recognize graduating seniors who are active members of all five university-wide honor societies.

For meetings and events and to house honors insignia and regalia, the Honors Council has the Henry L. Janssen Honors Council Room in Library and Information Access, Love Library, Room 428D.
Honor Societies

An academic honor society is a campus organization that values and reinforces the high academic standards of the university and selects its members, at least in part, on the basis of superior academic performance.

**Multidisciplinary Academic Honor Societies**

**Golden Key** is a national and worldwide undergraduate honor society whose purpose is to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement and excellence in all undergraduate fields of study, to unite with collegiate faculties and administrators in developing and maintaining high standards of education, to provide economic assistance to outstanding members by means of annual scholarships, and to promote scholastic achievement and altruistic conduct through voluntary service. Golden Key International Honor Society has over 300 active chapters. It also publishes an annual magazine and a regular newsletter. San Diego State University’s chapter was chartered in 1984. Each fall, the chapter invites to membership juniors and seniors in the upper 15 percent of their classes who have completed their last 24 units at SDSU. Elected student officers set all agendas and direct activities. The faculty adviser is Dr. Edith J. Benkow, Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs. For more information, visit http://www.sdsugoldenkey.com.

**Mortar Board**, a national honor society for college seniors, was founded in 1918. The society recognizes in its membership the qualities of superior scholastic ability, outstanding and continual leadership, and dedicated service to the university community. The SDSU chapter of Mortar Board had its beginning in 1932 as Cap and Gown. In 1965 the local honorary was recognized as a member of the national organization. Nationwide there are over 227 active chapters with a membership in excess of 240,000. In 2009, the chapter was renamed the Jane K. Smith Cap and Gown Chapter, in recognition of the pivotal role Dr. Smith has played in the development of the SDSU chapter. At the 2008 National Conference, the SDSU Chapter received the Golden Torch Award which is the highest award given to chapters. Mortar Board membership means active involvement to benefit the campus and community. Current projects include support of philanthropy projects related to literacy, awarding of scholarships, presentation of annual emeritus faculty and staff Outstanding Service Awards to recognize individuals whose work contributed significantly to this university; an annual faculty/staff appreciation dinner; support of activities and projects of the San Diego Alumni Chapter; and the sale of the Mortar Board Daily Planner and Calendar of Events.

To be considered for election to membership, students must have senior standing for the fall semester with an overall GPA of 3.2 or higher and must have participated and excelled in the areas of scholarship, service, and leadership. All prospective members must be making satisfactory progress toward the degree. Admission to Mortar Board is highly competitive and is restricted to no more than 40 students per year.

Advisers for the honor society are Patti Scott, Director of Academic Scholarships, Dr. Henry L. Janssen, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, and Dr. Jane K. Smith, Emerita Assistant Vice President for Academic Services. Information is available at http://mortarboard.sdsu.edu/.

**Phi Beta Kappa**, founded in 1776, is the oldest honor society in America. Its 260 chapters recognize academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. In 1974, Nu Chapter of California was established at SDSU, the first CSU campus to be so honored. Election to membership is by invitation only, which is extended only once and must be accepted in the semester of election. Juniors and seniors considered for membership each spring are usually enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters or the College of Sciences and are or will be eligible for the bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree. Juniors must have a GPA of at least 3.75, and seniors must have a GPA of at least 3.50. Juniors and seniors must have a GPA of at least 3.60 in liberal arts and sciences courses at SDSU. These GPAs must be maintained with minimal use of C/CNC. All candidates must have demonstrated university proficiency in mathematics and in a foreign language at the third-semester level. In addition, juniors must have completed at least 75 units of liberal arts and sciences courses, and seniors must have completed at least 45 liberal arts and sciences units at SDSU and must have demonstrated university proficiency in written English by coursework or satisfaction of the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Finally, candidates must show significant depth and breadth of scholarly interests by the number, variety, and rigor of upper-division courses taken outside the major. Election to membership, after careful examination of the student’s record, is by vote of the resident chapter members.

Chapter activities include the annual initiation, at which several scholarships are awarded; the annual Phi Beta Kappa Lecture honoring an outstanding faculty member; lectures by visiting scholars; participation on the University Honors Council; supportive interaction with local schools; and cooperation with Epsilon Association, San Diego’s alumni chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Chapter president is Professor Emeritus E. Nicholas Genovese. Corresponding secretary is Professor Emeritus Carey G. Wall, wall@mail.sdsu.edu.

For general information consult http://www.pbk.org.

**Phi Eta Sigma** is a national freshman honor society. The national chapter was formed in 1923; the local chapter was formed in 1955. Phi Eta Sigma was established to encourage and reward high scholastic achievement among freshmen in institutions of higher education. There are over 300 chapters throughout the United States and more than 500,000 members.

All freshmen, both men and women, who have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 units at the close of either semester during their freshman year at SDSU are eligible to join. Students who were eligible but missed induction after their freshman year may join retroactively only during the designated initiation period in the month of September.

Among its activities are induction ceremonies, community service involvement, social events, and national conventions.

The adviser for the honor society is Dr. Stacey L. Sinclair, Director of University Honors Program. For more information, call 619-594-2872.

**Phi Kappa Phi** was founded in 1897 to promote the pursuit of excellence in all fields of higher education and to recognize outstanding achievement among students, faculty, and others through election to membership and through various awards for distinguished achievement. Activities of the organization include the awarding of two scholarships annually for graduate education of outstanding students, the recognition of outstanding faculty and students through nominations for national awards and scholarships, and spring initiation. Additionally, the local chapter co-sponsors lectures, symposia, and workshops across the campus, most notably the Common Experience, the Henry L. Janssen Last Lecture Series, and the annual Student Research Symposium.

The national organization publishes a newsletter and a scholarly journal and sponsors the National Scholar and National Artist awards and the Graduate Fellowship program. The society offers literary grants, study abroad grants, emerging scholar awards, and love of learning awards. Many of these awards are open to all students at campuses with a Phi Kappa Phi chapter, including the Study Abroad Grants.

Nationally there are almost 300 active chapters. San Diego State University’s chapter was chartered in 1965. Membership is based on, but not limited to, the following criteria: Juniors must have completed a minimum of 75 units and be in the top 7-1/2 percent of their class at SDSU; seniors must have completed a minimum of 90 units and be in the top 10 percent of their class at SDSU; graduates must have completed a minimum of 15 units of graduate work at SDSU and be in the top 10 percent of their class. All prospective members must have made satisfactory progress toward the degree.

President of the society is Dr. Christopher J. Frost, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies.

**Discipline-Based Honor Societies**

The national honor societies at San Diego State University which accord recognition to students who demonstrate superior scholarship and leadership in specific academic fields include:

- **Alpha Epsilon Delta** (Pre-Medical)
- **Alpha Kappa Delta** (Sociology)
- **Beta Alpha Psi** (Accountancy)
**Instructional Technology Services**

Instructional Technology Services (ITS) provides support and leadership to the university in the effective use of technologies for enhancing learning as well as facilitating research and strategic initiatives. ITS fulfills its mission by fostering collaboration and innovation with faculty and university stakeholders in the design, development, and effective use of learning environments and educational media.

ITS, located on the first floor of the Adams Humanities building, provides a variety of faculty-focused support services, including:

- Consultation, workshops, and collaboration via the SDSU Course Design Institute on the design and facilitation of effective learning experiences and environments, whether face-to-face or online;
- A Faculty Instructional Technology (FIT) Center located in Adams Humanities, Room 1109 that provides an informal environment for faculty consultations, collaboration, and development of instructional, professional, and research materials;
- Training and support for instructional software including:
  - Blackboard (web-based learning management system that allows faculty to facilitate learning online);
  - Wimba (web-based conference system that enables voice interaction and webinar capabilities through Blackboard or independently);
  - Turnitin (writing support software available through Blackboard);
  - Respondus (assessment building software enhancing the question pool and quiz/test functions of Blackboard);
  - Software enabling faculty to record lectures from their classroom or office for students to view at their convenience;
  - Response system (or clickers) enabling greater interactivity in classrooms;
- Graphic, video, and multimedia consultation, design, and production;
- Assistance with design and development of instructional materials to be accessible and useful to diverse learners;
- Video conference systems for distance learning, allowing faculty to teach at SDSU and the Imperial Valley Campus (or other distant sites) simultaneously. This live, real-time, two-way audio/video communication system can also be used for research and professional development purposes;
- ITS-managed learning spaces, including a Learning Research Studio (for faculty interested in teaching in a technology-rich space and taking an inquiry-oriented approach to teaching and learning with technology);
- Instructional equipment loans (including laptop computers and video/data projectors, portable public address systems, digital cameras, camcorders, digital audio recorders, and much more);
- Campus-wide cable television system serving all classrooms.

For more information, call 619-594-5910 or visit http://its.sdsu.edu.

**Smart Classrooms**

For instruction using multimedia and computer technologies, smart classrooms provide high technology presentation systems. Each classroom system includes an instructor station installed with a Macintosh/PC computer, video/data projector; DVD/VHS and/or VHS player; visual presenter/document camera for projection of print, transparency, and three-dimensional materials; and (in large halls, theatres and auditoriums) a public address system with wireless microphone unit and assistive listening device.

As of fall 2010, 93% of the teaching spaces on campus are considered smart classrooms. Requests for smart classrooms should be made through your department or school administrative coordinator.

**Office of International Programs**

In recognition of the rapidly expanding number and importance of international activities on the San Diego State University campus, the Office of International Programs has specific responsibility for coordinating and facilitating the development of the diverse international programs and activities of the university. The Office of International Programs is the primary contact for international programs and represents the university on international matters to external agencies and institutions. The Office of International Programs coordinates all international faculty and student programs and the roles as an information clearinghouse regarding international projects, funding opportunities, and academic programs and services that have an international component.

**International Faculty Exchanges**

In order to enhance the international character of instruction and research, San Diego State University has developed a continuing program of faculty exchanges with partner universities worldwide. Currently, the university has formal arrangements to exchange faculty periodically with universities across the globe. Over 100 international scholars visit the San Diego State University campus each year to pursue scholarly research, participate in academic or professional programs, and share their international perspectives with the university community.

**Marine Officer Programs**

The Marine Officer Selection Office in San Diego is looking for qualified students interested in a career as a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps. Positions are available in aviation, ground, and law; aviation and law programs may be guaranteed prior to commissioning. Contact the officer selection officer at 619-294-2174 or visit http://www.ostiandsdiego.com/ for more information.

**Platoon Leaders Class**

The Platoon Leaders Class is the most popular route to becoming an officer. For college freshmen and sophomores, the program consists of two six-week training sessions between school years at Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Virginia. For college juniors, it is one 10-week training session during the summer prior to your senior year. You are paid and travel costs to and from Quantico, meals, textbooks, materials, and clothing are furnished. During the school year, you will not be called to active duty and you are not required to wear a uniform. Upon graduation, you will be commissioned as a Marine Second Lieutenant and advance directly to The Basic School.

**Office Candidates Course**

College graduates who want to be officers in the Marine Corps go through one 10-week session at Officer Candidates School. Upon completion, you will move immediately to The Basic School. There are three sessions during the year: fall, winter, and summer. No matter which pattern you follow, you will be paid and travel costs to and from Quantico will be covered. Meals, textbooks, materials, and clothing for training are also furnished.

**Office Candidates Course-Reserve**

The Office Candidates Course-Reserve is similar to Officer Candidates Course, except you are pursuing a reserve commission. College graduates attend the 10-week session at Officer Candidates School, attend The Basic School, and after completing military occupational school, report into their reserve unit. Applicants competing for these positions will select their military job and reserve unit prior to attending Officer Candidates School. Students are encouraged to seek information and plan ahead if they are interested in pursuing a commission in the United States Marine Corps.
Navy Officer Programs and Scholarships

San Diego State University maintains a liaison with the Navy Officer Programs Office in San Diego. This liaison provides students with access to the many opportunities available to college students throughout the Navy, including scholarships for up to $42,000. Call 1-800-USA-NAVY for additional information.

**Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program.** Sophomores, juniors and seniors who qualify can earn up to $1,800 each month while they finish their last one, two or three years of college – no uniforms or drill required. Scholarships are available to sophomores, juniors and seniors in all majors who have a 2.7 grade point average or above. Positions in aviation, surface warfare, business management, personnel management, and information systems is guaranteed after college graduation.

**Navy Engineering Programs.** Scholarships are available to students in technical majors who have at least a 3.0 grade point average. Those who are interested and qualified receive more than $1,700 each month plus benefits while they finish their last one or two years of undergraduate study. The scholarship leads to a position as an instructor, research or operating engineer for the Navy, and a commission as a naval officer.

**Medical School and Dental School Scholarships.** For students applying to medical or dental school, a scholarship is available which will cover the cost of tuition and books and provide a monthly payment while in medical school. Initial requirements are application to an accredited medical school and competitive GPA and MCAT/DAT scores.

**Allied Health Profession Opportunities.** The Navy Medical Service Corps offers commissions to clinical, scientific and administrative professionals in the health care field. It is comprised of several specialties that require either a baccalaureate, masters or doctorate degree.

**Nurse Corps.** Limited scholarships are available for junior and senior nursing students with top scholastic performance.

Students are encouraged to seek information and plan ahead if they are interested in adding any of these programs to their career options. More information on all programs is available by calling or writing to the Officer Programs Office, NRD San Diego, ASW Base, Bldg. 2, 33055 Nixie Way, San Diego, CA 92147-5192, 619-524-6760.

**Parking and Transportation**

When possible, carpooling or use of alternate modes of transportation is recommended for the commute to campus.

Metro Transit System’s Green Line trolley and seven bus routes (11, 14, 15, 115, 856, 936, 955) conveniently connect the San Diego metropolitan area with service to the San Diego State University Trolley Station and Transit Center. Semester and monthly trolley and bus passes can be purchased at the Viejas Arena Ticket Office.

Further information concerning Metropolitan Transit trolley and bus routes, fares, services, and School Pool carpool registration is available at 1-800-COMMUTE or http://www.sdmts.com and http://www.ridelink.org.

On-campus parking is by permit only and overnight parking requires an additional permit. Purchase or possession of a parking permit does not guarantee a parking space and parking is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. Parking structures and surface lots are located on the perimeter of the campus, with the remote parking lots serviced by free shuttle vans weekday evenings (Monday through Thursday) during the academic year. Major events at Viejas Arena may require parking location adjustment.

Visitors are directed to the Parking Information Booth at the College Avenue entrance to the campus for directions to several available pay parking lots. For further information on parking at the San Diego campus, contact the Department of Public Safety, 619-594-6671. For visitor parking at the Imperial Valley Campus, call 760-768-5500.

San Diego State University Research Foundation

San Diego State University Research Foundation, incorporated in 1943, is an auxiliary organization authorized by the Education Code of the State of California. It is a nonprofit corporation chartered to augment the educational, research, and community services objectives of the university. SDSU Research Foundation serves the university in the following major areas:

- Assisting faculty and staff in developing and administering federal, state, and privately funded projects.
- Seeking funding sources, offering grant-related workshops, assisting with proposal development and submission, and interpreting agency guidelines and policies.
- Developing project budgets, obtaining university approvals, and negotiating sponsored grant and contract awards.
- Assisting with staff recruitment, and purchasing support for funded projects.
- Providing technology transfer services, protecting intellectual property, commercializing technology developed at the university, and assisting spin-out companies based on SDSU inventions.
- Identifying, acquiring, and managing real property in support of sponsored programs not housed in university facilities.
- Accounting and financial reporting support for research and project funds, scholarships, institutes, and The Campanile Foundation.

SDSU Research Foundation, as a nonprofit corporation, is governed by a board of directors in accordance with its articles of incorporation and bylaws. The principal function of the board is to establish policies and guide the corporation in achieving its objectives.

SDSU Research Foundation is located in the Gateway Center at 5250 Campanile Drive. More information is available at http://www.foundation.sdsu.edu or by calling 619-594-1900.

San Diego State University Press

As the scholarly press for San Diego State University, San Diego State University Press publishes works of original research, as well as other meritorious academic and creative works that will further the intellectual mission of the university. The current focus of the Press is in these areas: Latin America and the United States-Mexico border; regional studies of the Pacific Southwest; and postmodernism. In addition to books, the Press also publishes under its imprint the journals Fiction International and Poetry International.

San Diego State University Press imprint is controlled by an editorial committee of scholars, appointed by the provost and the senate. Financial accounting and coordination are provided by the San Diego State University Research Foundation.

Semester and Summer Study Abroad Programs

**Florence Summer Program**

The Florence Summer Program offers students the opportunity to study for a six week summer term in Florence while earning SDSU resident credit. Courses satisfying upper division General Education Explorations of Human Experience are taught by SDSU faculty. To be eligible, students must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in good academic standing. For further information contact Maren Castaneda in the College of Arts and Letters International Programs Office, Arts and Letters, Room 473.

**London Summer Program**

The London Summer Program offers students the opportunity to study and do an internship in London while earning SDSU resident credit through the College of Extended Studies. Students may choose the six week study program or the eight week internship option. Courses satisfying upper division General Education Explorations of...
Human Experience are taught by SDSU faculty. To be eligible, students must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in good academic standing. For further information contact Maren Castaneda in the College of Arts and Letters International Programs Office, Arts and Letters, Room 473.

Madrid Semester Academic Program

The Madrid Semester academic program is administered by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. This program offers students the opportunity to study the Spanish language and culture in Spain for four months and to live in Madrid. Open to SDSU and other California State University students in good standing who have completed at least three college semesters of Spanish (or equivalent). All courses are taught by faculty of the Center for Spanish Studies at Antonio de Nebrija University. Living accommodations are with Spanish-speaking families throughout Madrid. Students earn 12-15 SDSU resident units toward the bachelor's degree through the College of Extended Studies. SDSU financial aid may be available to qualified students. For further information, contact the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures, Arts and Letters, Room 134.

Paris Semester Academic Program

The Paris Semester academic program is administered by the Department of European Studies. It offers students the opportunity to study for a semester in Paris, while earning 12-15 units of SDSU resident credit. Courses satisfying General Education, French, and International Business requirements are taught by SDSU and Paris-based faculty. To be eligible, students must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in good academic standing with a minimum of two college semesters of French. For further information, contact the Department of European Studies, Education and Business Administration, Room 304.

Joan and Art Barron Veterans Center

The Joan and Art Barron Veterans Center serves as the hub for all student veteran support services at SDSU. The Center supports the state, regional and campus-wide Troops to College programs. The Center offers eligible veterans, dependents, or reservists assistance with applying for education benefits, coordinating the Veterans Affairs work study program, and processing tutorial assistance paperwork. Student veterans also have access to on-campus housing in the Veterans House and can socialize with other students by joining the Student Veteran Organization.

The following educational benefits are available to veterans and dependents at SDSU:

- Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill)
- Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill - Transfer of Entitlement)
- Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty)
- Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation)
- Chapter 1606 (Montgomery GI Bill - Reservists)
- Chapter 1607 (Reserve Educational Assistance Program)
- Chapter 35 (Dependents Educational Assistance)
- California Veterans Fee Waiver Program (Dependents of Veterans with a Service-Connected Disability)

Note that in order to receive benefits while attending SDSU, the student must be a regularly matriculated student and all classes taken must be required for the educational objective selected.

For additional information about veteran services, contact the Joan and Art Barron Veterans Center, Student Services West, Room 1575, at 619-594-5813, or on our Web site at http://www.sdsu.edu/veterans.