Special Programs

Academic Computing
SDSU provides access to a large number of software packages including programming languages, the Microsoft Office Suite (word processors, 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.

In addition, 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 (A.S.) 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 A.S. manages are enjoyed by students, faculty, staff, and the SDSU community. Associated Students can be reached by calling 619-594-6555 or visiting http://www.as.sdsu.edu.

Student Government. Students looking to get involved on campus will find a multitude of opportunities through the Associated Students. The A.S. Government Affairs Office is the home of this activity, including the business of the A.S. Council, the representative voice for all SDSU students. Student government leaders work hard every day to ensure that the interests of SDSU students are heard, served, and met. The A.S. Council also has a dual role as the board of directors for the A.S., a nonprofit student-directed corporation. A.S. operates eight fully functional boards and committees and/or the University Senate. Other services provided include the A.S. Legal & Financial Services Program and the Good Neighbor Program. For more information call 619-594-6556 or visit http://www.as.sdsu.edu/govt. The Government Affairs Office is located on the second floor of the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center, Suite 230.

Aztec Student Union. The new Aztec Student Union is scheduled to open in fall 2013. It will replace Aztec Center, the first permanent student union in the CSU system; Aztec Center served the SDSU community from 1968-2011. Designed to be platinum-certified for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design by the U.S. Green Building Council, the new Aztec Student Union will be double the size of Aztec Center and will feature the largest multipurpose dining hall in the CSU system. The new AZSU will feature the latest in technology, a variety of study spaces, a spectacular center for student organizations, and many new opportunities to link and engage with community members.

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. 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. Viejas Arena features a full-service ticket office and TicketMaster location for events throughout California. 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.

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 of SDSU. The ARC is the hub of 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, climbing wall, and intramural sports leagues, as well as greatly discounted prices on selected Mission Bay Aquatic Center recreation classes, Aztec Adventure outings and ARC recreation classes. Call 619-594-PLAY or visit http://www.arc.sdsu.edu for more information.

Children’s Center. The Children’s Center, a quality service of Associated Students, offers an educational childcare program for children between six months and pre-kindergarten to five years of age. Priority for enrollment starts with SDSU students, followed by children and grandchildren of faculty and staff, and then children of SDSU alumni and the larger community as space is available. The center serves the labora-

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Athletics
San Diego State University sponsors a broad array of varsity intercollegiate athletics for women and men. SDSU’s commitment to gender equity in athletics includes 13 sports for women (basketball, crew, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor/outdoor track and field, volleyball, and water polo) and six for men (baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, and tennis). As a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I program, Aztec athletic teams compete at the highest level of intercollegiate competition. All of the teams except crew, lacrosse, men’s soccer, and water polo compete in the 9-member Mountain West Conference. Crew is a member of the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association (WIRA); men’s soccer is a member of the Mountain West Conference. Athletics serves a number of important roles on campus and within the larger San Diego community. In addition to encouraging student athletes to expand their competitive capabilities to the fullest, San Diego State teams provide a catalyst which helps generate pride and a shared esprit de corps among students, faculty, staff, and alumni. This also helps link these groups from generation to generation. Similarly, with nearly a hundred-thousand alumni and former students and tens of thousands of supporters in the county with no other direct connection to the university, Aztec teams frequently carry the aspirations of San Diego in the forum of NCAA Division I Athletics. On-campus athletic events attract both students and members of the community to campus and this reinforces many mutually beneficial town-gown relationships.

For more information please call 619-594-3019 or visit http://www.goaztecs.com.

Special Programs

Student Athlete Support Services
Aztec Athletics Center, Room 3029, 619-594-3395

Involvement with intercollegiate athletics on campus presents many challenges for students. This office provides guidance and assistance for these student-athletes in the areas of admission, registration, new student orientation, counseling, study hall, mentoring, tutoring, and academic advising. The office also serves as a liaison between faculty and the Athletic Department. This individualized program is designed to create an academic support network to ensure all student-athletes comply with university requirements while working toward completion of a degree.

Audiology Clinic and Speech-Language Clinic

Administered by the School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, the clinics provide assessment and remediation services for SDSU students, staff, faculty, and the community. In addition, the clinics offer opportunities for research, consultation, supervised field internships, continuing education, and other service activities.

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.

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.
(Campus Stores, Dining Services)
http://www.aztecshops.com

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 flagship 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. Textbooks are available in print for rent or purchase and many titles are available in digital format. The bookstore is also an Apple authorized campus reseller and carries Apple iPads, iPods, laptops, and desktops. Academic discounts are available for Macs, PCs, and software from Microsoft, Adobe, and other manufacturers. The most extensive selection of SDSU-licensed clothing and gifts available. 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. A specially boutique and a broad selection of school supplies, cards, gifts, and graduation regalia round out the store's offerings. For more information, call 619-594-7525 or visit http://www.eatsdsu.com.

SDSU Dining Services. SDSU Dining Services (the dining branch of Aztec Shops) has been providing quality food service for the SDSU campus since 1959. Dining Services proudly operates all restaurants and food service outlets on campus. The SDSU Meal Plan program, the Farmers' Market, Culinary Theatre, UT Sidewalk Scene, and six Aztec Market convenience stores campuswide. For more information on SDSU Dining Services call 619-594-7640 or visit http://www.eatsdsu.com.

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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.

SDSU Catering - SDSU Catering is the recognized caterer for all events on the SDSU campus.

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.

Special Programs

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

Susan Baxter, Executive Director

Created in 1987 as a systemwide 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, innovating 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 programs, 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, mathematics, business and computer science departments. CSUPERB organizes the annual CSU Biotechnology Symposium and serves as the official biotechnology liaison for the CSU with government, educational, philanthropic, and industry partners.

CSUPERB recognizes that modern biotechnology preparation requires the integration of coursework, hands-on practice and participation in multi-disciplinary, team-based research projects. CSUPERB's competitive grants and awards programs support these activities systemwide. Programs include: the CSUPERB-12P® Early-Stage Biotechnology Commercialization Challenge, the Howell-CSUPERB Research Scholars Awards, the Presidents’ Commission Scholar Awards, the Crellin Pauling Student Teaching Award, the Glenn Nagel Undergraduate Research Award, the Don Eden Graduate Student Research Award, Travel Grant programs for students and faculty, New Investigator Grants, Research Development Grants, Entrepreneurial Seed Grant, Venture Grants, and Biotechnology Programmatic Development Grants. These programs award more than $650,000 to CSU faculty and students annually.

CSUPERB programs are administered by an Executive Director, a strategic planning council and a faculty consensus group, involving faculty representatives from each CSU campus. The Presidents’ Commission includes presidents from CSU Channel Islands, CSU Los Angeles, CSU San Marcos, Humboldt State University, San Diego State University, San Jose State University, and a CSU Executive Vice Chancellor. Visit the program Web sites at http://www.calstate.edu/csuperb and http://www.csuibiocompass.org for more information.

Instructional Technology Services

Instructional Technology Services (ITS) provides support and leadership to the university in the effective uses 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);
  - Lecture capture tools enabling faculty to record lectures from their classroom or office for students to view at their convenience;
  - Respondus (assessment building software enhancing the question pool and quiz/test functions of Blackboard);
  - Response system (or clickers) enabling greater interactivity in classrooms;
  - Turnitin (writing support software available through Blackboard);
  - Wimba (web-based conference system that enables voice interactivity and webinar capabilities through Blackboard or independently);
- 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.) Demand for the Learning Research Studio (LRS) is so great that plans are underway to build a second LRS by spring 2012;
- 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 go to http://its.sdsu.edu.

Instructional Services on the Calexico campus can be accessed by calling 760-768-5545 or going to East Faculty, Room 124C. On the Brawley campus, faculty members need to check with the coordinator who can be reached by calling 760-768-5787.
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 2011, 90% 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
The Office of International Programs has 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 coordinates all international faculty and student programs and serves 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 and to support efforts to become a global university, SDSU has a continuing program of faculty exchanges with partner universities worldwide. Over 150 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.

Parking and Transportation
When possible, carpooling or use of alternate modes of transportation is recommended for the commute to campus.
Metropolitan Transit System’s Green Line trolley and seven bus routes (11, 14, 15, 115, 856, 936, 956) 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 SchoolPool 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 760-752-5500.

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.

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.
discovery starts here

Our marine biology students started something. Alex Warneke and Lee Reeve are finding solutions to environmental problems along the Southern California coast. At SDSU’s Coastal Marine Institute, students like Alex and Lee get hands-on experience working alongside faculty researchers to explore the ecology of crustaceans, tropical fishes, kelp forests, and saltmarsh ecosystems. To learn more, visit sdsu.edu/leadershipstartshere.