
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 websites.

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 Computing Hub located in Love Library, Room 200 (PCs, Macs, 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 website 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 a student-directed auxiliary of SDSU and is one of the largest student governance organizations in the CSU system. The auxiliary operates eight facilities, in addition to offering a multitude of programs and services that serve 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. There are a multitude of leadership opportunities through the Associated Students. Government Affairs is the representative voice for all SDSU students. Student government leaders ensure that the interests of SDSU students are heard, served, and met. The A.S. student leaders also serve as the board of directors for the A.S. Students who want to get involved are encouraged to visit the A.S. office in person or online to learn about available opportunities. For more information, call 619-594-6555 or visit <http://www.as.sdsu.edu/govt>. The A.S. office is located on the third floor of the Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union.

Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union. The Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union is the first LEED platinum certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) student union in the CSU and features numerous sustainable "green" building elements. The student union provides a vibrant and welcoming space for students through a variety of programs and services. Amenities include free events for SDSU students, ARC Express (fitness center), Aztec Lanes (bowling and games center), Cal Coast Credit Union, Center for Intercultural Relations, dining options, Information Center, Jeffrey W. Glazer Center for Leadership and Service, meeting spaces, Student Organization Center, a 300-seat theatre, 11,500-square-foot multipurpose Montezuma Hall, and plenty of indoor and outdoor seating. To learn more about the Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union or to get involved with the student union board (ASUB), visit <http://aztecstudentunion.com>. To inquire about meeting space, call Union Programs and Services at 619-594-5278 or e-mail asmgtgsvs@mail.sdsu.edu. For general information, call 619-594-6551.

SDSU Children's Center. The SDSU Children's Center, a quality service of Associated Students, provides 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 as the laboratory school for the Department of Child and Family Development in the College of Education. In addition, the center collaborates with campus departments to support academic research, observational learning and opportunities to link academic coursework with hands-on learning by working directly with children and families at the center. For more information call 619-594-7941, e-mail ccc_info@mail.sdsu.edu, or visit <http://www.childcare.sdsu.edu>.

Cal Coast Credit Union Open Air Theatre. 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 amphitheatre has played host to sold out concerts, lectures, symphonic performances, and university events. Generations of guests have enjoyed this theatre's natural acoustics which complement the sound of all music genres. For event information, call 619-594-0234 or visit <http://calcoastopenairtheatre.com>.

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 and 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. Call 619-594-0234 or visit <http://www.viejasarena.com> for more information.

Aztec Recreation. Aztec Recreation provides high quality programs, services, and facilities that inspire active, healthy living, and enhance the SDSU experience. A program of Associated Students, Aztec Recreation manages both on- and off-campus facilities to include the Aztec Recreation Center (ARC), ARC Express, Aztec Aquaplex, Aztec Lanes, the Mission Bay Aquatic Center (MBAC) and racquetball and tennis courts. Aztec Recreation also offers numerous programs including Aztec Adventures, bowling, Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (ENS) credit activity classes, group fitness, indoor climbing, intramural sports, and sport clubs. Aztec Recreation membership provides access to a wide range of programs, services and facility access. Call 619-594-PLAY or visit <http://arc.sdsu.edu> for more information.

Aztec Adventures. Aztec Adventures has provided SDSU with outdoor leadership, education, and culture since 1977. In addition to outdoor trips, the Aztec Adventures team offers numerous Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (ENS) credit classes, operates the climbing wall located inside the ARC, and offers a team-building program ideal for student clubs and organizations. For more information, call 619-594-6958 or visit <http://aztecadventures.sdsu.edu>.

Aztec Aquaplex. The Aztec Aquaplex is an outdoor swimming and recreation facility which offers drop-in lap swimming, recreational swimming, diving, hot tub access, and lounging. The facility is also used by men's and women's water polo sport club teams, the co-ed cycling/triathlon team, as well as the Aztec Athletics women's swimming, diving, and water polo teams. Call 619-594-SWIM or visit <http://arc.sdsu.edu> for more information.

ARC Express. The ARC Express is an exciting new fitness destination for members of Aztec Recreation. Located on the third floor of the Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union, the facility offers 6,000 square feet of state-of-the-art fitness equipment with spectacular views of the surrounding area. Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (ENS) credit classes at ARC Express include functional fitness and fitness training for women. Call 619-594-PLAY or visit <http://arc.sdsu.edu> for more information.

Aztec Lanes. Aztec Lanes opened in 2014 on the first floor of the Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union. Featuring 12 bowling lanes, billiards, table tennis, large-screen televisions, and a lounge area, the contemporary and vibrant atmosphere is sought after for a variety of private group events. While bowling is open to all at Aztec Lanes, Aztec Recreation members bowl games at no charge. Each year over 600 students take Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (ENS) credit classes in beginning and intermediate bowling. Call 619-594-BOWL or visit <http://arc.sdsu.edu> for more information.

Aztec Recreation Center (ARC). The Aztec Recreation Center (ARC) is a 78,000-square-foot fitness and recreation facility. Access to the ARC is included with an Aztec Recreation membership. The ARC has four multi-purpose gymnasiums available for members to play basketball, soccer, and volleyball, two weight training rooms, a cardio room, a climbing wall, and two group fitness studios. Numerous climbing, dance, and fitness credit classes are offered in the ARC each semester. Call 619-594-PLAY or visit <http://www.arc.sdsu.edu> for more information.

Aztec Tennis Courts. The Aztec Tennis Courts feature 12 lighted outdoor courts available for drop-in play for members. The courts are accessible through the Aztec Aquaplex at 5375 Remington Road, adjacent to Tony Gwynn Stadium. Call 619-594-SWIM or visit <http://arc.sdsu.edu> for more information.

Credit Classes. Aztec Recreation is proud to partner with the Department of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences to provide one-unit courses that promote lifelong fitness, wellness, and recreational pursuits. Classes are available in dance, fitness, martial arts, outdoor skills, sports, and water sports. Call 619-594-PLAY or visit <http://arc.sdsu.edu> for more information.

Mission Bay Aquatic Center (MBAC). The world-renowned Mission Bay Aquatic Center is Aztec Recreation's beachside instructional facility offering water sports classes, rentals, and special events. Hundreds of students earn university credit while learning to kayak, row, sail, stand up paddle, surf, wakeboard, or windsurf every semester. Located off-campus in Mission Beach, MBAC is just a short ride by car or is easily accessible by the San Diego Trolley and the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS). For more information, call 858-488-1000 or visit <http://mbaquaticcenter.com>.

Intramural Sports. The intramural sports program provides opportunity to over 10,000 participants annually for competition in a variety of team and individual sports through league, tournament, and special event formats. The program is an Aztec Recreation member benefit and participants form teams with friends or sign-up independently. Sports typically include basketball, bowling, flag football, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, and water volleyball. Call 619-594-PLAY or visit <http://arc.sdsu.edu> for more information.

Recreational Sports Racquetball Courts. Racquetball courts are accessible to Aztec Recreation members. The facility includes eight indoor courts and equipment check-out is available. Sport club offices are also housed in this facility located at Peterson Gymnasium, Room 196. Call 619-594-PLAY or visit <http://arc.sdsu.edu> for more information.

Sport Clubs. The Aztec Recreation sport clubs program consists of 19 competitive collegiate teams and over 700 athletes. Each team is developed, organized, and managed by students with guidance from the professional staff. Sport clubs compete in intercollegiate competitions at local, state, regional, and national levels and both new and experienced student-athletes are actively recruited. Sport clubs are an excellent setting for the development of athletic skills, student leadership skills, and social opportunities. Call 619-594-PLAY or visit <http://arc.sdsu.edu> for more information.

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 Pac 10 Conference; lacrosse, and water polo are members of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF).

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 100,000 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>.

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 aphasia, cerebral palsy, cleft palate, delayed speech/language development, fluency or articulation disorders, hearing loss, loss of communication function, and voice. Services are also provided 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 for children and adults include hearing assessment, hearing aid evaluation and selection, assistive listening device evaluations, earmolds, hearing protection devices, hearing conservation services, 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)
<http://www.aztecshops.com>

Aztec Shops, Ltd., founded in 1931, 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 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 the 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's aztecology department offers academic discounts on Apple and PC products as well as software from Microsoft, Adobe, and others. Additional aztecology services include Verizon Wireless, data recovery, device repair, hardware trade-in, and printer cartridge refill. The SDSU Bookstore features 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 specialty 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.shopaztecs.com>.

SDSU Dining. SDSU Dining has been providing quality food service for the SDSU campus since 1959. Dining proudly operates over 30 restaurants and food service outlets on campus, including Culinary Theater, The Dining Room at Cuicacalli Suites, the Farmers' Market, University Towers Kitchen (UTK), and six Aztec Market convenience stores campuswide. For more information on SDSU Dining call 619-594-7640 or visit <http://www.eatatsdsu.com>.

Other operations. Other Aztec Shops operations include:

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 Cal Coast Credit Union Open Air Theatre, Tony Gwynn Stadium, and Viejas Arena.

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.

Road Scholar – Aztec Shops runs a successful Road Scholar program that brings retirement-age adults from around the country to San Diego for specialized educational enrichment programs.

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.

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) supports collaborative CSU student and faculty research, funds innovative curriculum development, and develops programs relevant to the life science industry. The CSUPERB program office is hosted at San Diego State University. CSUPERB promotes biotechnology workforce development by supporting evidence-based instructional practices, real-world research experiences, and programs 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 NSF-funded CSU I-Corps program, 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 Joint Venture Grants, and Biotechnology Programmatic Development Grants. These programs award more than \$800,000 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 San Diego State University, CSU Channel Islands, CSU Northridge, CSU San Marcos, Humboldt State University, San Francisco State University, San Jose State University, and a CSU Executive Vice Chancellor. Visit the program websites at <http://www.calstate.edu/csUPERB> and <http://www.csUPERB.org/csuiCorps> 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, facilitating research, and supporting 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, offers a variety of faculty-focused support services, including:

- Consultation, workshops, and collaboration via the SDSU Course Design Institute and BOLT program, which focus on the design and facilitation of effective learning experiences and environments, whether face-to-face, online, or hybrid;
- 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), and a custom browser that locks down the testing environment within Blackboard;
 - Response system (or clickers) enabling greater interactivity in classrooms;
 - Turnitin (writing support and plagiarism prevention software available through Blackboard);
 - Collaborate (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, including the redesign of course materials for online delivery;
- Web 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 four Learning Research Studios (for faculty interested in teaching in a collaboration-minded, 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);

For more information, call 619-594-6348 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 user-friendly, technology-rich presentation systems. Each classroom system includes a fixed instructor podium allowing access to the following:

- Mac and Windows computers;
- Connectivity for a laptop computer;
- DVD or Blu-ray disc player;
- Visual presenter/document camera for projection of print, transparency, and three-dimensional materials.

Projection is achieved via LCD video/data projector or large-screen, high-definition televisions and in larger lecture halls, a public address system with wireless microphone unit and assistive listening device are included.

As of fall 2015, 98% 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, 115, 215, 856, 936, 955) conveniently connect the San Diego metropolitan area with service to the San Diego State University Trolley Station and Transit Center. 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 carpool registration is available at <http://www.icommutesd.com> and <http://www.zimride.com/sdsu>.

On-campus parking is by permit only and overnight parking requires a day/night use 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 is located on the perimeter of the campus, with the remote parking 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. Permits may be purchased ahead of time at <https://aztecs.t2hosted.com>, with the ability to print the permit prior to your arrival. For further information on parking at the San Diego campus, contact Parking Services, 619-594-6671. For visitor parking at the Imperial Valley Campus, call 760-768-5500.

San Diego State University Research Foundation

Incorporated in 1943, the San Diego State University Research Foundation 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 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. Founded in the late 1950s, San Diego State University Press is the oldest university press in the California State University system. Today, SDSU Press is guided by an editorial board made up of six scholars within SDSU's College of Arts and Letters and eight scholars from other universities. San Diego State University Press's various publication programs and imprints include: Baja California Literature in Translation, Binational Press/Editorial binacional, Code[x] Books, Hyperbole Books, The Institute for Regional Studies of the Californias, SurText, and research lectures. 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 post-modernism. In addition to books, the press also publishes under its imprint the journals *pacificREVIEW: A West Coast Arts Review Annual* and *Poetry International*.

San Diego State University Press is controlled by an editorial committee of scholars, appointed by the SDSU 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 (JABVC), located in Student Services West, Room 1661, is the first veteran's resource center in the California State University system. The center operates as the primary and initial resource for most military affiliated services at San Diego State University. Keeping to our motto of "serving those who served," the primary mission of the staff is to assist all military connected students – veteran, active duty, reserve, guard, and military spouses and children – with the following applicable federal and/or state Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) educational benefits:

- California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) College Fee Waiver for Veterans' Dependents (Cal-Vet Fee Waiver);
- Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty);
- Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment [VR&E]);
- Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill);
- Chapter 35 (Dependents Educational Assistance);
- Chapter 1606 (Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve);
- Chapter 1607 (Reserve Educational Assistance Program);
- Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship.

Federal VA Education Benefits

In order to utilize federal VA education benefits (Chapters 30, 31, 33, 35, 1606, 1607, and Fry Scholarship), students must be matriculated at SDSU (admitted into a program of study), applied for admission to a program of study (some restrictions apply), or be a "guest student" from another institution of higher learning (courses from SDSU must be transferrable to the parent school). Additionally, students must ensure the following actions are taken in order to utilize federal VA education benefits:

Chapter 30

- Provide the JABVC with a signed *VA Form 22-1995* the first semester attending SDSU and/or if changing a major.
- Provide the JABVC with a *Student Responsibility Agreement* every semester after registering for classes. Without this agreement, the VA will not be notified that the student wishes to use benefits.

Chapter 31

- Ensure the VR&E counselor provides the JABVC with an up-to-date *VA Form 28-1905* indicating the program of study and any specific guidelines.
- Provide the JABVC with a *Student Responsibility Agreement* every semester after registering for classes. Without this agreement, the VA will not be notified that the student wishes to use benefits.
- Obtain the necessary documentation from the JABVC for books, parking pass, and other approved items after notification from the VA that the term has been certified.

Chapter 33

- Provide the JABVC with a copy of the *Certificate of Eligibility* in order to have tuition and fees *deferred*. Without this document, students may be required to pay tuition and fees before registering for classes.
- Provide the JABVC with a signed *VA Form 22-1995* the first semester attending SDSU and/or if changing a major.
- Provide the JABVC with a *Student Responsibility Agreement* every semester after registering for classes. Without this agreement, the VA will not be notified that the student wishes to use benefits.

Chapter 35 (Dependents Educational Assistance)

- Provide the JABVC with a signed *VA Form 22-5495* the first semester attending SDSU and/or if changing a major.
- Provide the JABVC with a *Student Responsibility Agreement* every semester after registering for classes. Without this agreement, the VA will not be notified that the student wishes to use benefits.
- Additionally, the *VA Claim Number* (with assigned suffix) must be indicated on the *Student Responsibility Agreement*.

Chapter 1606 (Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve)

- Provide the JABVC with a signed *VA Form 22-1995* the first semester attending SDSU and/or if changing a major.
- Provide the JABVC with a *Student Responsibility Agreement* every semester after registering for classes. Without this agreement, the VA will not be notified that the student wishes to use benefits.

Chapter 1607 (Reserve Educational Assistance Program)

- Provide the JABVC with a signed *VA Form 22-1995* the first semester attending SDSU and/or if changing a major.
- Provide the JABVC with a *Student Responsibility Agreement* every semester after registering for classes. Without this agreement, the VA will not be notified that the student wishes to use benefits.

Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship

- Provide the JABVC with a copy of the *Certificate of Eligibility* in order to have tuition and fees *deferred*. Without this document, students may be required to pay tuition and fees before registering for classes.
- Provide the JABVC with a signed *VA Form 22-1995* the first semester attending SDSU and/or if changing a major.
- Provide the JABVC with a *Student Responsibility Agreement* every semester after registering for classes. Without this agreement, the VA will not be notified that the student wishes to use benefits.

Additionally, the following conditions to the usage of federal VA education benefits apply:

- All classes must be required for the degree objective and must not have previously been successfully completed. Refer to your degree evaluation, graduate program of study, graduate student worksheet, SDSU Academic Advising Center, and/or your department adviser to ensure all classes are applicable towards your degree objective. Deviations from the required classes must be approved by an individual authorized to make substitutions (i.e. department adviser, department chair, dean, etc.).
- Federal law requires any changes in enrollment status that may affect VA education benefits be reported. Any changes to your class schedule (i.e. adds/drops) may have an impact on your VA education benefits. If you change your schedule, notify the JABVC as soon as possible to avoid possible retroactive loss of benefits. Unauthorized withdrawal from courses may result in retroactive loss of benefits and a potential debt to the VA and/or university.
- Students placed on academic probation may continue to utilize VA education benefits for not more than two semesters. If the academic probation is carried into a third semester, the student will not be certified for VA benefits. Students that are on or facing academic probation should contact the JABVC for possible resources to improve their academic progress.
- If you change your major, you must provide the JABVC with a signed copy of *VA Form 22-1995* (VA Form 22-5495 for Ch. 35). If you add a second major or more than one minor, you will need to provide the JABVC with a copy of your degree evaluation from the Office of Advising and Evaluations. Request this early as it can take several weeks to a few months for it to be generated.
- If you are not rated at 100% under Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill), your portion of tuition and fees must be paid by the schedule adjustment deadline each semester. If you pay tuition and fees that are covered by the GI Bill, your refund will be processed in accordance with SDSU policy and will be refunded after payment is received by the university from the VA.
- To avoid possible overpayment by the VA and additional unexpected costs to the student, all VA benefit users (especially Post 9/11 GI Bill [Ch. 33]) are encouraged to keep track of their remaining entitlement. This information is sent each semester to the student by the VA and can be obtained from <http://www.ebenefits.va.gov> or by calling 888-442-4551.
- The Post-9/11 GI Bill will pay in-state tuition (up to the percentage at which the student is rated), provide a book stipend of approximately \$42/unit (capped at \$1,000 per academic year), and provide a housing stipend based on SDSU zip code and calculated at E-5 with dependents rate established by the Department of Defense.

- Federal law requires the VA be the last payer for tuition and fees. Chapter 33 and Fry Scholarship benefit users will have financial aid (i.e. grants, loans, scholarships, etc.) specifically awarded for tuition and fees applied first towards their tuition and fee balance with the university. The VA will pay the difference up to the percentage at which the student is rated. The JABVC will report tuition to the VA at the beginning of the semester as \$0.00 in order to allow applicable housing and book stipends to be paid without delay due to factoring out applicable financial aid. The final tuition amount will be reported to the VA later in the semester for payment to SDSU. Students will receive occasional notifications from the university that their tuition has not been paid. These can generally be disregarded provided the student has been certified to the VA and rated at 100% under the Post 9/11 GI Bill. For questions, students should contact the JABVC staff.

Out-of-State Residency

Subject to pending or new legislation, non-resident students may have an additional fee per unit which is not covered by the GI Bill. Students utilizing Chapter 30 or 33 may qualify for an exemption of the non-resident fees provided:

- The veteran using the benefit or who transferred the benefit to a dependent spouse or child (Chapter 33 only) separated from active duty within 36 months of the first day the veteran or dependent starts classes;
- the period of active duty was 90 days or longer;
- the veteran or dependent provides SDSU with a copy of the applicable DD-214 showing the date of separation;
- the veteran or dependent provides SDSU with a copy of the Certificate of Eligibility showing entitlement to Chapter 30 or 33.

California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) College Fee Waiver for Veterans' Dependents (Cal-Vet Fee Waiver)

The Cal-Vet Fee Waiver benefit waives the mandatory systemwide (California State University, University of California, and California Community College systems) tuition and fees, but the student is still responsible for the campus mandatory fees every semester. Students utilizing the Cal-Vet Fee Waiver Plan A, cannot receive concurrent benefits under Chapter 35, Dependents Education Assistance. Additionally, the waiver does not cover the expense of books, parking, room and board, and may not be applied towards tuition and fees paid through the College of Extended Studies. Students using the Cal-Vet Fee Waiver must provide a copy of the approval letter to the JABVC every academic year (the letter will cover fall, spring, and summer terms). Applications for the waiver must be submitted to the nearest county veterans service office.

Non-College Degree Programs and External Degrees

Non-college degree (NCD) programs (i.e. certificates and credentials) can be certified for federal VA education benefits if the program has been approved and is listed on the Web Enabled Approval Management System (WEAMS). Programs not listed cannot be certified for federal VA benefits. All NCD programs listed in the SDSU *General Catalog* or *Graduate Bulletin* and which are approved on WEAMS may be certified for federal VA education benefits through the JABVC following the same procedures listed above. External degree programs may also be certified for federal VA benefits through the JABVC. Students should contact the JABVC staff to ensure their requested NCD program or external degree program is approved for certification before entering into the program. The Cal-Vet Fee Waiver will not waive tuition for programs offered through the College of Extended Studies.

College of Extended Studies

Some programs offered specifically through the College of Extended Studies may be certified for VA benefits. Students are encouraged to contact the military and veterans services representative for additional information about policy, program applicability, and certification procedures through the College of Extended Studies.

San Diego State University – Imperial Valley Campus
Students attending the SDSU Imperial Valley Campus in Calexico, California should contact the JABVC for the latest information on certification procedures for federal/state VA education benefits.

Additional Resources and Information

In addition to assistance with educational benefits, several other programs and resources are available for eligible students. These include, but are not limited to:

- Priority registration for eligible military students beginning the second semester of attendance (for more information, contact the Office of the Registrar);
- A one-unit transition class (not eligible for VA benefit certification) for newly enrolled military affiliated students to provide key information about student support services at SDSU;
- Access to The Bunker - a student lounge within the JABVC in which all military affiliated students can rest, relax, study, and interact with other students before, between, or after classes;
- Access to the SDSU VetSuccess on campus counselor who provides full-time assistance on all VA related issues;
- Participation in the VA work-study program allowing eligible students to work part-time while attending school (dependent upon staffing needs);
- Assistance with the VA tutorial assistance program;
- Use of the first on-campus student veterans house in the nation, affording all military affiliated students a place to study, relax, and interact with other students with similar backgrounds;
- Priority access to designated veterans living spaces on campus through the fraternity row property management office;
- Partnership with the student veterans organization at SDSU which represents the cultural niche of the military student body;
- Partnership with the veterans alumni organization at SDSU which provides mentorship, advice, and guidance from former military students to those currently attending;
- Access to veteran and military affiliated scholarships;
- Access to military specific career transition programs to assist with internships, job openings, and career opportunities.

Active duty military, veterans, and military spouses who are upper division transfers may receive additional consideration for admission. For more information, contact the JABVC.

Points of Contact

Joan and Art Barron Veterans Center

Student Services West, Room 1661
<http://www.sdsu.edu/veterans>
veterans@sdsu.edu
619-594-5813

California Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.cdva.ca.gov>

College of Extended Studies

Military and Veterans Services Representative
Student Services West, Room 1661
<https://www.ces.sdsu.edu/military>
619-594-3047

Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>
<http://www.ebenefits.va.gov>
888-442-4551

Web Enabled Approval Management System (WEAMS)

<http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do>