

FACT BOOK

2026



SACRAMENTO STATE



The **Sacramento State Fact Book** includes information about the University, the most recent enrollment numbers, demographics, rankings, and other notable highlights. The 2026 Fact Book is based on information and data from the 2025 calendar year.



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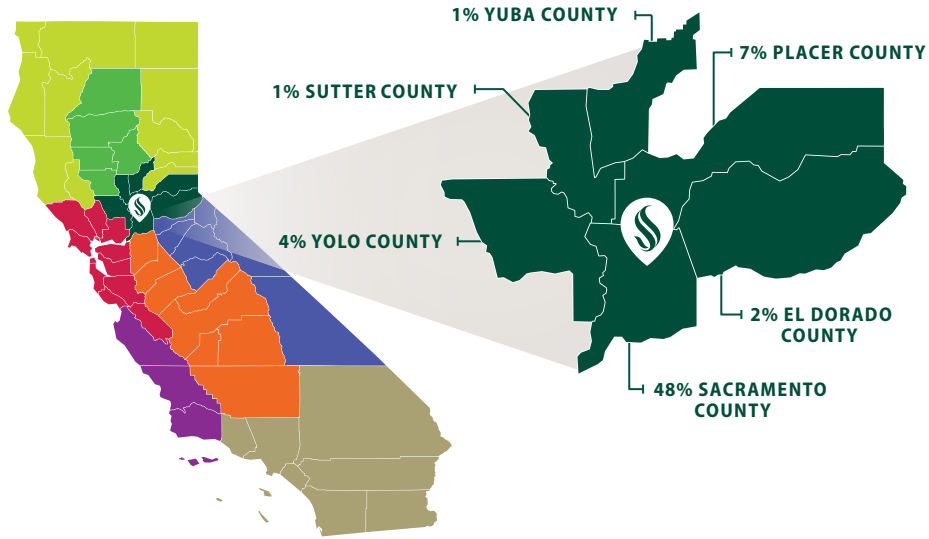
**\$2.1 Billion Annual
Economic Impact
in California**

2025 CSU ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT

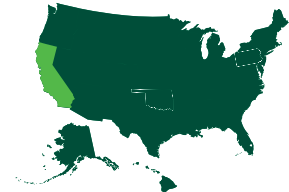
World-Class Education in the Heart of California

Sacramento State is Sacramento's University—the only public university in the capital of California, the fourth-largest economy in the world. Founded in 1947, Sac State has grown to the sixth-largest campus in the California State University (CSU) system and one of the region's leading centers of research, innovation, and community engagement. It is an accessible and inclusive place of learning located on a picturesque campus along the American River. The University's 31,000 students learn directly from dedicated faculty, who help them reach their academic goals and graduate ready to contribute to their communities. From research that results in impactful legislation to entrepreneurial ideas that blossom into robust businesses, Sacramento State provides immersive learning experiences that benefit students, the region, and beyond.

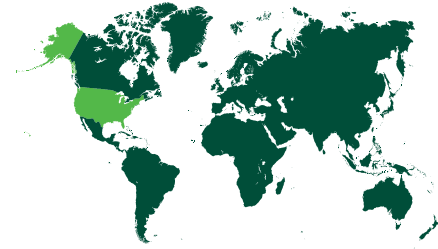
Students Come From Sacramento and Beyond



- 63% GREATER SACRAMENTO AREA**
- 2% CENTRAL COAST**
- 14% GREATER BAY AREA**
- 1% NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**
- 11% SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY**
- 1% NORTHERN SACRAMENTO VALLEY**
- 5% LOS ANGELES/SOUTHERN CA**
- 1% CENTRAL SIERRA**



**1%
OUT OF STATE**



**2%
INTERNATIONAL**

PERCENTAGES BASED ON FALL 2025
STUDENT ENROLLMENT DATA

COUNTY CALCULATIONS BASED ON
CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY





Driven by Student Success

Earning a degree from Sacramento State is an investment in the future, and the University's faculty, staff, and administrators work to ensure that students get the most from their education. In his Fall 2025 address to the campus community, President Luke Wood said that helping students earn a return on their academic investments would be one of his top priorities. To that end, the University is implementing more internships that offer hands-on experience, and more courses focused on technologies and emerging career opportunities to prepare students for careers in the rapidly evolving global landscape.

**9th Most
Transformative College**

MONEY.COM, 2020



1,730 Full- and
Part-Time Faculty



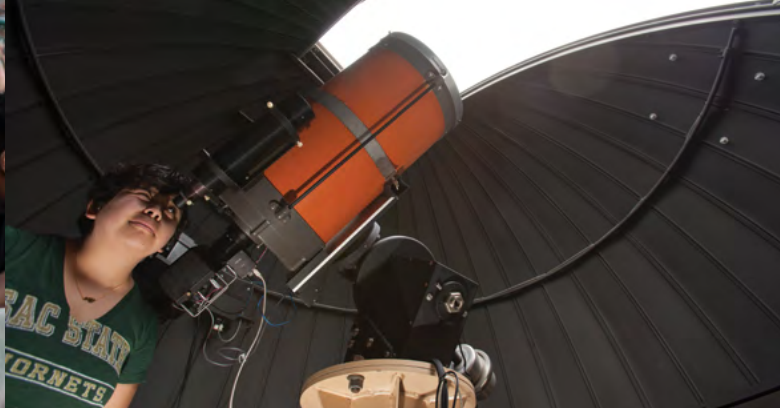
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Average Class Size



256% Increase in
4-Year Grad Rate
SINCE 2015



25:1
Student: Faculty Ratio



Student Enrollment



28,619 UNDERGRADUATE | **31,274 TOTAL STUDENTS**
2,655 GRADUATE

FALL 2025

Incoming Students

3,774 FIRST-YEARS | **4,152 TRANSFERS**

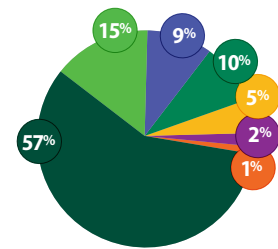
FALL 2025

Degrees Earned



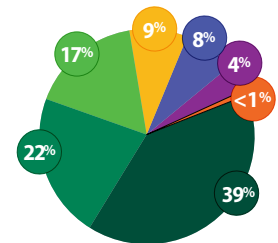
DEGREES EARNED
 BASED ON 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR

Faculty Demographics



57% WHITE | **5% AFRICAN AMERICAN**
15% ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER | **2% MULTIRACIAL**
9% OTHER/UNREPORTED | **1% AMERICAN INDIAN**
10% LATINO
54% FEMALE | **46% MALE** | **<1% IDENTIFY AS NONBINARY**

Staff Demographics



39% WHITE | **8% OTHER/UNREPORTED**
22% LATINO | **4% MULTIRACIAL**
17% ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER | **<1% AMERICAN INDIAN**
9% AFRICAN AMERICAN
57% FEMALE | **42% MALE** | **<1% IDENTIFY AS NONBINARY**

DEMOGRAPHICS BASED ON FALL 2025 DATA



A Place of Belonging

Sac State is a welcoming community, committed to making sure all students feel supported, respected, and valued. It's where 29% of students are first in their families to attend college, and where faculty, staff, and students come together to teach, work, and learn. The campus is home to the nation's first Black Honors College, and the new Wileety Native American College is also the first of its kind in California. Sacramento State boasts programs, services, and centers focusing on Native American, Latine, Black, Asian American, LGBTQ+, and first-generation scholars, among others.

2nd Most Diverse College in the Western U.S.

WALL STREET JOURNAL, 2024



Asian American & Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI)

FEDERALLY DESIGNATED



Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI)

FEDERALLY DESIGNATED



Black-Serving Institution (BSI)

CA ASSEMBLY DESIGNATED

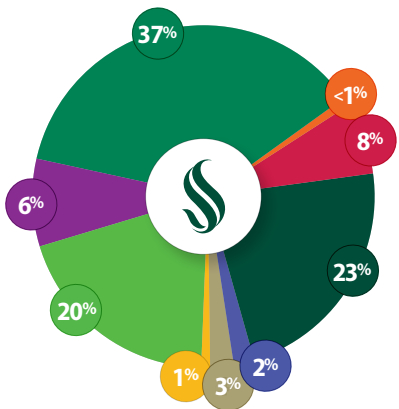


First Generation-Serving Institution (FGSI)

FIRST GEN FORWARD NETWORK



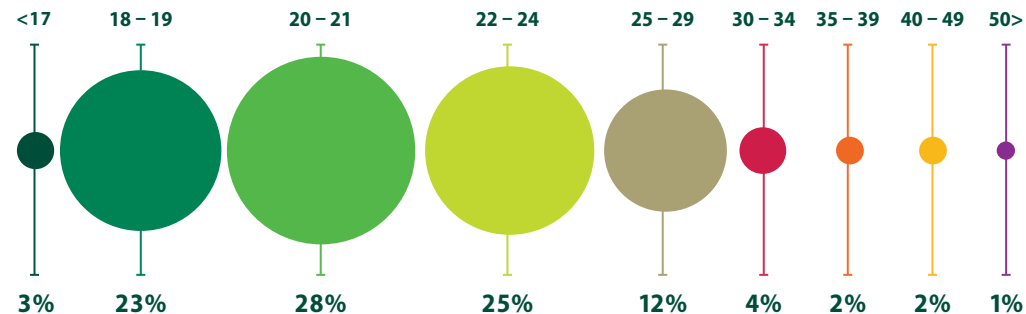
Student Demographics



- 37% | HISPANIC/LATINO
- 23% | WHITE
- 20% | ASIAN
- 8% | AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 7% | TWO OR MORE RACES
- 2% | INTERNATIONAL
- 2% | UNKNOWN
- 1% | PACIFIC ISLANDER
- <1% | AMERICAN INDIAN

DEMOGRAPHICS BASED ON FALL 2025 STUDENT ENROLLMENT DATA

AGE OF OUR HORNETS



55% FEMALE

44% MALE

239 STUDENTS IDENTIFY AS NONBINARY





High-Quality, Accessible Education

Sac State receives high marks for affordability as well as its impact on post-graduation salaries, boosted by a focus on real-world learning experiences, and campus improvements such as new, affordable student housing. The University broke ground on two new housing communities for students, Hornet Place and Mt. Whitney Hall. Named 8th Best Bang for the Buck for Western Colleges by Washington Monthly in 2025, Sac State is idyllically situated along the American River and minutes from the Capitol and downtown Sacramento.

**No. 9 Top Performer on
Social Mobility in the West**

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, 2026



\$9,014 Annual
In-State Tuition & Fees



\$19,644 Average
Annual Room & Board



55% of Students
Receive Financial Aid



3,200 Students
Live on Campus



47% of Students are
Pell Grant Eligible



8 Residence Halls
2 New Halls*
OPENING IN 2026 & 2027*

CAMPUS CULTURE



Fostering Hope and Dignity

Sacramento State wants every student to feel seen and valued, a culture that resonates throughout its policies and programs. The University prioritizes support systems for students of all backgrounds and cultures through its expanding cultural and academic centers, mental health support systems, and basic needs programs, among many others. Students with disabilities, who have spent time in foster care, were formerly incarcerated, or who are raising children while earning their degrees also have access to programs designed to help them succeed on their academic journeys.

“The University is creating a campus culture where dignity and accessibility isn't an afterthought, it's foundational to everything we do.”

President Luke Wood



Beyond the Classroom

When they are outside of the classroom, Sac State students can choose from numerous activities to help them wind down, meet new people, and enhance their college experience. Those interested in mixed martial arts—boxing, wrestling, kickboxing, jiu-jitsu—can take part in Combat U, where they receive professional instruction and competition opportunities. Many other sports and social clubs are active on campus. Student dance, art, and music productions offer entertainment throughout the academic year. The University Union and The WELL feature gathering spots for various activities including recreational games, studying, and simply relaxing.

**No.1 Best College Town
in California**

WALLETHUB.COM, 2024



One of the Tallest Climbing Walls on a College Campus
AT THE WELL



21 Competitive Sports Clubs



Combat U Boxing Largest Club Sport ON CAMPUS



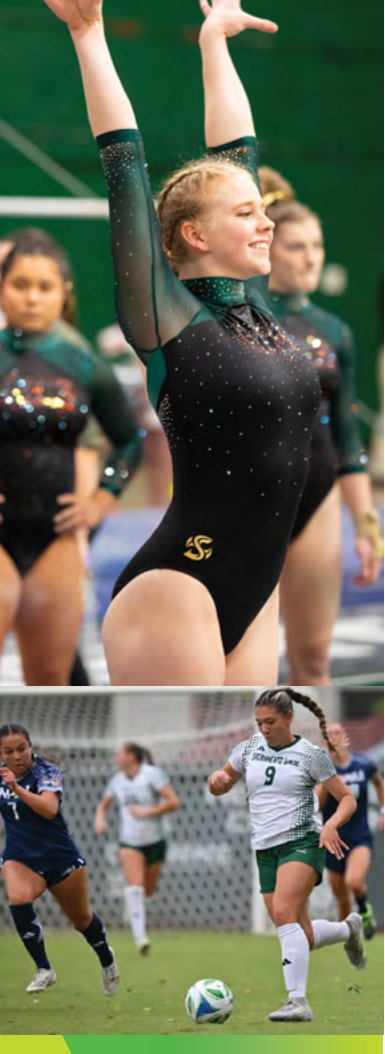
126 Peak Adventures Trips, Classes & Clinics



33 Greek Organizations



317 Student Clubs & Organizations



Home of Champions

Sacramento State's 21 intercollegiate teams have a combined 106 NCAA Division I conference titles. In 2024-25, the volleyball, women's soccer, women's golf, and women's tennis teams each claimed conference championships and advanced to NCAA tournaments. Additionally, Hornet football has been ranked among the top 15 NCAA FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) teams for the past six seasons, and will be moving to the FBS (Football Bowl Subdivision) in 2026. Nearly 500 Sacramento State student-athletes also excelled academically, maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0 for the past 23 semesters.

21 Intercollegiate Sports

NCAA DIVISION I



3.2 Average GPA
for Student Athletes



New Hornet Pavillion
Home of Sac State
Basketball



10th Highest
Football Game
Attendance Nationally



182 Students Named
All-Academic Team



10 Former Sac State
Student Athletes Play
in the NFL or MLB



106 NCAA
Division I Conference
Championships



Earning Gold for Going Green

Whether it's striving to become a zero-waste campus by 2030 or to achieve carbon neutrality by 2040, Sacramento State's innovative ways to reduce its impact on the planet, including machines that turn waste into fertilizer and electricity, have earned the University top marks for sustainability. Sac State has been recognized for its sustainability efforts with the 2024 Outstanding Waste Prevention Award from the California Resource Recovery Association and its third STARS Gold rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, receiving its highest-ever score. Sac State was ranked in the top 100 universities in the world by the International Sustainability Green Metric Rating system. The 300-acre campus is also known for its canopy of more than 3,500 trees.

Garden for Wildlife Designation

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION



**Bike Campus
USA**
SINCE 2016



**Bee Campus
USA**
SINCE 2021



**3,500
Trees**

IN THE COMMUNITY



Community-Engaged Campus

Sacramento State students, faculty, and staff help make the region a better place through programs and services ranging from free community clinics to holiday food drives. Students gain valuable experience by volunteering in the community, working in local schools, and participating in internships through the Community Engagement Center as well as #CaliforniansForAll College Corps. In addition, Hornets run several community clinics that provide much-needed healthcare services such as physical therapy, geriatric wellness, rehabilitation for amputees, and assistance for children with neurodevelopment problems and development delays.

“ Like my family, I have seen generations of students benefit from their educations at Sacramento State. These alumni go on to become change agents in every industry, public service, local government and community. ”

Eric Guerra
Mayor Pro Tem, Sacramento State Alum



Big Hearts, Bigger Impact

Serving the community goes hand in hand with being a Hornet. Across campus, a strong culture of service drives meaningful impact through programs such as pro bono health clinics, Writing Partners pen pals, and State Capitol internships. For 30 years, the Community Engagement Center has supported experiential learning, a commitment recognized by the University's fourth renewal of the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification since 2010.

Each year, our students contribute nearly one million hours through community service and hands-on learning. This includes academic internships, clinical and school-credential practicums, service-learning courses, and community-engaged research projects.

**Students Served 914,000
Hours in the Community**



3,687 Students Took
Service-Learning
Classes



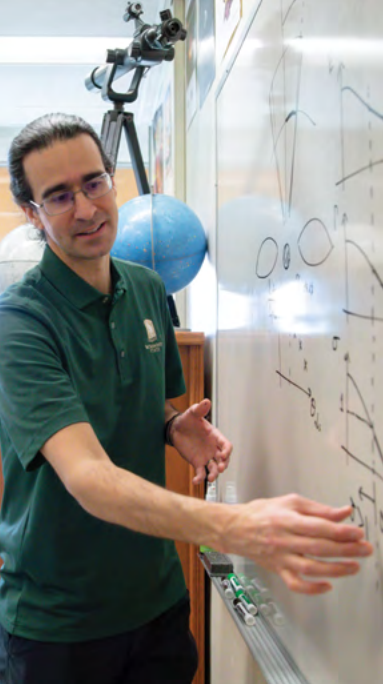
1,048 Students
Held Non-Clinical
Academic Internships



1,279
Active Community
Partnerships



**Carnegie Community
Engagement Classification**
SINCE 2010



Building Through Giving

Philanthropy boosts Sacramento State's trajectory. Scholarships expand access to education. Academic and research capacity grows, and workforce-aligned learning increases across the University. Donor generosity also supports innovation in teaching, student-partnered research, and athletics while accelerating institutional momentum. Together, these outcomes advance Sac State's standing as a university focused on opportunity and progress, prepared to meet the evolving needs of students and higher education.

\$3.7M in Scholarships Awarded
to **1,898** Students



\$31.4M
Total Raised



333,699
Number of Gifts



42,267
Total Donors



\$7.98M For
Academic Divisions



\$6.4M
For Athletics



\$2.9M For Additional
Campus Support

▷ FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

MADE AT SAC STATE

**1 in 17
Adults in the
Region**

IS A SAC STATE GRAD



Powering the Capital Region – and Beyond

Made at Sac State isn't just a slogan. It's a description of the over 300,000 Hornet alumni who are using their Sacramento State education to power progress and growth in the capital region and beyond. Spend just a few minutes walking around Sacramento, and chances are you'll run into one of the engineers, newscasters, restaurateurs, entrepreneurs, teachers, health care professionals, law enforcement personnel, social workers, artists, accountants, and others who earned their degree at Sac State and are now transforming the region, state, and world.

“*Sacramento State is a powerful engine for opportunity—preparing students to succeed, lead, and serve the region. Alumni are central to this mission, and your engagement strengthens our collective impact. For many of us, our time at Sac State was a defining investment; now is the time to pay it forward for today's students and community. Hornets are shaping the future of our region ahead!*”

Rabbil Green '06 (Communication Studies)
President, Sacramento State Alumni Association



She Turned Hard Knocks Into Advocacy

Surrounded by poverty and addiction as a child, Janelle Gonzales could have taken a dangerous path. Instead, she used her challenges as motivation, graduating from Sac State with two degrees, becoming a social work manager, and founding a boxing gym in Sacramento that helps motivate at-risk youth. Gonzales also is a coach for Sac State's Combat U boxing program. Her daughter, Ayahna, is a rising star in the club. "Coming back to Sac State is a full-circle moment for me," Janelle said. "I have a lifelong commitment to Sac State."

◀ Janelle Gonzales

Social Work '14, MSW '16
Co-Owner, Flawless Boxing & Fitness



300,000+
Alumni Strong



24 Alumni
Chapters/Networks

HIGHLIGHTS & DISTINCTIONS



Excellence, Access and Impact

Each year, Sacramento State builds on its mission to serve students, foster community partnerships, and elevate academic excellence. The following represent select initiatives, accomplishments, and milestones from across campus.

Campus Highlights

- ▶ With more than 1,500 students, Sacramento State's Criminal Justice program is one of the nation's largest and among Northern California's most popular, providing direct access to state and federal agencies in the state capital.
- ▶ Sacramento State's Guardian Scholars Program for former foster youth is California's fastest growing, providing academic, financial, housing, and career support to help students graduate.
- ▶ Sacramento State supports \$737 million in wages earned in the Sacramento region and 49,000 jobs statewide, according to the CSU Economic Impact Report (2025).



▷ Sacramento State is the first California university to pilot Asian Pacific Promoting Educational Excellence, a cohort program supporting Asian American and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) first-year students with culturally responsive academic, wellness, and career resources.

▷ In a first for the Department of Ethnic Studies, a student-led team is preserving and archiving a donated collection of 600+ African cultural artifacts, expanding access to African history while gaining hands-on experience.

▷ Sacramento State's Interactive Belonging Maps connect Hornets to campus and regional resources reflecting Sacramento's diversity, launching with Muslim and Latine communities and expanding to others.

▷ Hornet Speech and Debate earned a Top 10 finish at the National Forensics Association Tournament, highlighting Sacramento State's strength among the nation's top collegiate teams.

▷ Sac State Model UN was named Top Delegation at the 2025 National Model United Nations Conference, earning multiple honors, including Overall Outstanding Delegation.

▷ Sacramento State Marching Band members and alumni performed in Dublin and Galway after an invitation from Dublin's Lord Mayor to appear in the city's three-day New Year's Festival. It marked the band's first international performance.



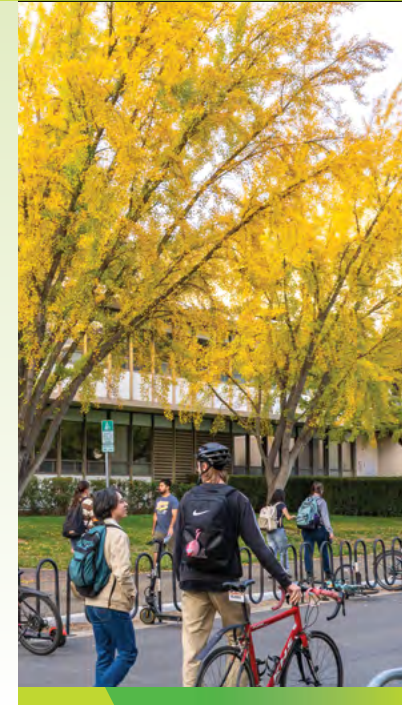
College Highlights

▷ ARTS AND LETTERS

The College of Arts and Letters launched new degree programs in Architectural Studies and Interior Architecture, hosted more than 350 performances and exhibitions, and expanded career-ready certificates in Arts Entrepreneurship and Spanish for Healthcare.

▷ BUSINESS

The College of Business has 50,000 alumni. Approximately 70% live in the greater Sacramento region and support student success through an active 20-member Business Advisory Council. They also raise roughly \$1 million annually, primarily for scholarships.





▷CONTINUING EDUCATION

On behalf of academic departments, the College of Continuing Education served over 3,200 adult learners in academic year 2024-25, through the administration of seven undergraduate degree-completion programs, 10 graduate programs, and more than 60 credentials, certificates, professional certifications, exams, licenses, travel study, youth programs, and other courses.

▷EDUCATION

The College of Education received more than \$4 million in grants for student support and community-based research, houses the Center for Counseling and Diagnostic Services, which serves 500+ community members annually, and supports the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community through the American Sign Language Lab.

▷ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

The College of Engineering and Computer Science opened three state-of-the-art teaching and research labs—an Autonomous Aerial and Mobile Robotics Lab (\$355K), a Virtual Design and Construction Lab (\$77K), and a Transportation Mobility Lab (\$53K)—funded almost entirely through private, grant, and philanthropic support.

▷HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The College of Health and Human Services Clinical Education Community Clinics and the mobile healthcare initiative continue to expand as a hub for teaching, research, and service—engaging more than 1,000 community partners and placing over 2,000 interns in field and clinical placements.

▷NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Sacramento State Physics received an \$800,000 U.S. Department of Energy grant to launch its first formal partnership with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, providing paid nuclear science research internships and advanced training for undergraduate students.

▷SOCIAL SCIENCES AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The Institute for Social Research, part of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, partnered with the California Department of Public Health to develop the California Public Health Roadmap for Firearm Violence Prevention Report, a research- and community-informed guide that helps public health leaders advance evidence-based, locally tailored strategies.





Supporting Students' Basic Needs

Sacramento State opened its new Basic Needs Resource Center to help students struggling with housing and food insecurity. The center, located in The WELL, offers free groceries, including meat and fresh produce, easy-to-prepare meal kits, dairy products, toiletries, and other necessities. Students can come in once a week to choose groceries and supplies and have access to recipes and cooking demonstrations in a kitchen nearby.



Student Housing Projects Take Shape

Construction on new student housing is underway at Sacramento State. Mt. Whitney Hall, a five-story on-campus residence hall for 335 students is slated to open in August 2026 and will add 285 affordable housing beds. Crews also broke ground on Hornet Place, a campus-affiliated community for 352 students at 7700 College Town Drive. Hornet Place is scheduled to open in fall 2027 and was designed with amenities fostering connection and well-being such as a pool, fitness center, yoga area, and community gathering spaces.





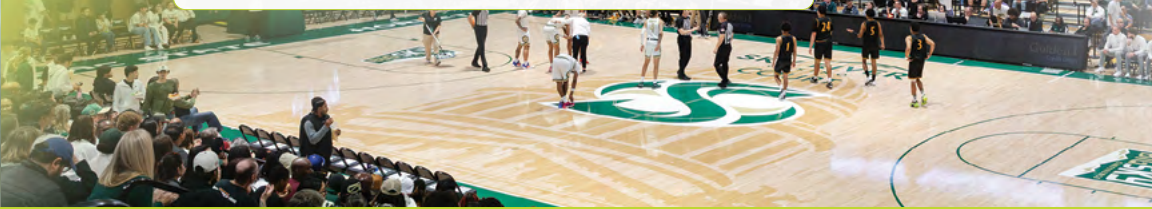
New Degrees for a Changing World

Sacramento State continues to innovate and grow through the degrees it offers students. The University recently began offering a new Bachelor of Fine Arts in Architecture Studies through the College of Arts and Letters Department of Design. The program focuses on diverse career paths in architecture, including design, advocacy, research, and space habitat design. The College of Business also launched an innovative, AI Management concentration looking at the practical application of artificial intelligence. Undergraduate students will also be able to minor in AI Management.



A New Era for Hornet Basketball

Sac State's men's and women's basketball teams have left the Nest. The teams moved from their longtime home, an outdated 1,000-seat arena, to a renovated venue at The WELL fitness and recreation center. The new venue more than triples fan capacity for games and features a new floor, shot clocks, and video boards. The men's team is led by beloved former Sacramento King Mike Bibby and boasts nationally recognized roster additions in 2025-26, including NBA legend Shaquille O'Neal's son, Shaqir. The women's team is led by head coach Aaron Kallhoff. The Nest remains a practice venue and is used for other sports.





Sac State Earns R2 Research Status

While research activity remains a priority at Sacramento State, the University has been nationally recognized as a leader in research and scholarly activities. In February 2025, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recognized Sacramento State for its “high research activity” and number of awarded research doctoral degrees by designating the University as an R2 institution. The recognition is a point of pride for Sacramento State, signaling its ongoing commitment to scholarly work and its desire to attract top faculty, offer students research opportunities, and impact the larger community.

SACRAMENTO STATE AT A GLANCE

Colleges

- ▷ Arts and Letters
- ▷ Business
- ▷ Continuing Education
- ▷ Education
- ▷ Engineering and Computer Science
- ▷ Health and Human Services
- ▷ Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- ▷ Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

Academic Offerings

79 Bachelor’s Degree Programs, 54 Master’s Degree Programs, 5 Doctoral Degree Programs

University Leadership 2025

Luke Wood
President

Mark Wheeler
Senior Advisor to the President

Kristen Tudor
Chief of Staff

Erika Cameron
Provost and Senior VP for Academic Affairs

Aniesha Mitchell
VP for Student Affairs

Rose McAuliffe
Chief Financial Officer and VP for Administration and Business Affairs

Michael Nguyen
VP Inclusive Excellence and Chief Diversity Officer

Mark Hendricks
Chief Information Officer and VP Information Resources and Technology

Michael Reza
VP for University Advancement

Jeannie Wong
Senior AVP for University Communications

Michelle Willard
Chief of External Relations

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