



Non-Degree Study at Sacramento State

The City of Sacramento: Sacramento is a city rich in California history, known for its relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Its mild climate, rivers and parks make it popular with outdoor enthusiasts. Residents enjoy all the benefits of an urban California lifestyle - art galleries, museums, theater and great restaurants - yet Sacramento is one of the most affordable big cities in California. Sacramento is also the seat of government for the largest state economy in the United States. It is part of a Capital Region with nearly 2 million people in the heart of one of the country's most beautiful areas. Within easy driving distance are San Francisco, Napa Valley, historic gold country, and Lake Tahoe.



INTRODUCTION TO CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

California State University, Sacramento, also known as “Sacramento State” or “Sac State”, enrolls a multicultural student body of over 30,000. The 300-acre university campus has more than 3,000 trees and is located alongside the American River (where gold was discovered in 1848 to start the California Gold Rush!). California State University, Sacramento offers 60 undergraduate and 40 graduate programs. More than 70% of classes have fewer than 30 students.

Who Is Eligible?

Undergraduate students attending foreign universities who wish to study at Sac State and do not have an institutional agreement between both schools for exchange study.

What Are the Academic Requirements?

You must have the equivalent of a 2.7 GPA (approximately 78/100 average) in your completed university coursework. You must also be able to submit TOEFL (min 64 ibt) or IELTS (6.0) scores demonstrating English proficiency.

How Long Can I Study For?

Non-degree students have the opportunity to study at Sac State for a maximum of 2 semesters (one academic year). Students may also choose to study for one semester, either Fall or Spring.

How Long Are Semesters?

Our academic year has 2 semesters: Fall semester (late August – December) and Spring semester (late January – May). A mandatory International Student Orientation program takes place 1 week prior to the start of classes.

What Majors or Programs Can I Study?

California State University, Sacramento has a wide variety of academic programs. All majors are open for non-degree study with the ***exception of the following***: nursing, graphic design, interior design, computer science, kinesiology, and construction management. The following departments are considered “impacted” and classes may be restricted or more competitive to access: Biology, Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Photography. For a complete list of departments, please see the university catalog available at <http://catalog.csus.edu/>.

How many courses or units do I need to take?

Students are required to enroll full time in at least 12 units (undergraduates). Most classes are 3 units of credit each.

Where Can I Live?

Living on campus is a popular choice for non-degree students. Most non-degree students choose to live on campus in the American River Courtyard or Riverview Hall, which combines apartment style housing with a meal plan and numerous social activities. Off-campus housing is also available near the university campus.

What Are the Fees?

Estimated fees shown are per semester. We estimate that students will enroll in 4 classes each semester (equivalent to 12 units). This is considered a full-time load, which is required.

Tuition & Fees	\$8,354
Health Insurance	\$675 (mandatory enrollment)
Living expenses	\$5,670 (on-campus housing with meals)
Miscellaneous	\$500 (books, orientation)

How Do I Submit An Application?

If you are interested in applying for Spring or Fall 2019, please contact Stephanie Ingvaldson directly at ingvaldson@csus.edu.

How Do I Get a Visa?

Once an incoming exchange student is accepted to California State University, Sacramento, the student is sent an admission letter and a Form DS-2019. Students will use these documents to apply for a **J-1 visa** at the US Embassy or US Consulate in their home country. Information on how to apply for a visa will be sent to students when they are admitted to the program.

Is There Anything Else I Should Know?

Sacramento State is unable to guarantee that all Sac State classes taken will be transferred back to your institution so we encourage you to speak with your advisor before studying with us. We will be able to assist with the registration process, but can't assure that what you enroll in will be applied to your degree program at home. Not all classes in the catalog are offered each semester so be sure to identify several different classes with your advisor that could be taken when studying here.

Course numbering:

- **Undergraduate classes numbered 1-99** are entry level courses offering a broad view or introduction to a subject.
- **Undergraduate classes numbered 100-199** are usually for upper level students in their 3rd – 4th year of study at our university. (Exchange students in their 2nd-4th years are usually eligible for classes numbered 100-199). These classes teach the subject at a more in-depth and/or advanced level.
- **Graduate classes numbered 200+** are for graduate Master's level university students only.