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FUN FACT:
APPROXIMATELY
8,500 STUDENTS
LIVE ON CAMPUS.

Welcome Home

When you live on campus, you are able to immerse yourself in college life and take advantage of the opportunities right outside your door.

You will enjoy the convenience of all-inclusive living while having direct access to sporting and campus events, classes, dining venues, the Love Library and the Aztec Recreation Center.

Trained residential and facilities staff will be available to respond to your needs and ensure you are comfortable in your campus home.

In your community, you will meet fellow students from across the United States and around the world. You will have the opportunity to join study groups, intramural teams and student organizations. You will form friendships that last a lifetime.



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WHEN YOU LIVE ON CAMPUS WITH SUCH A DIVERSE GROUP OF STUDENTS, YOU MAKE FRIENDS WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIFFERENT CULTURES, BACKGROUNDS AND IDENTITIES FROM YOUR OWN. THIS EXPERIENCE OPENS YOUR WORLD VIEW TO NEW PERSPECTIVES AND MAKES YOU APPRECIATIVE OF OTHER IDEAS AND BELIEFS.

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AMAYA CHILDES
 SACRAMENTO, CA



Our Commitment

The Office of Housing Administration and Residential Education Office is committed to:

- » Providing you with a safe and supportive environment for holistic learning and growth.
- » Developing your academic success, leadership skills and awareness — and appreciation of diversity and civic responsibility.
- » Upholding responsible stewardship of our facilities, finances and resources.

Two-Year Residency Requirement

First-year students outside SDSU's local admissions area are required to live on campus for both their first and second year at the university.

Non-local students who have been accepted into the Weber Honors College are required to reside in the Honors Residential Learning Community (RLC) in Zura during their first year living on campus. Local students who are in the Weber Honors College are not required to live on campus but may choose to.

SDSU recognizes that exemptions to the residency requirement may be appropriate in certain circumstances and may be requested by completing the Exemption Request Form on the license agreement webpage.

First-year students inside SDSU's local admissions area are not required to live on campus, but are encouraged to apply.



ARE YOU IN SDSU'S LOCAL ADMISSION AREA?

YOU ARE IN THE LOCAL ADMISSION AREA IF YOU WILL GRADUATE FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCATED SOUTH OF STATE ROUTE 56 AND EXTENDING EASTWARD OR IF YOU WILL GRADUATE FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN IMPERIAL COUNTY.

A map showing the local admission area boundary for SDSU. The map covers San Diego County and Imperial County. A red dashed line indicates the boundary, which is south of State Route 56 and extends eastward. The SDSU Campus is marked in San Diego County. Other locations like San Marcos, Escondido, and Imperial Valley Campus are also labeled.

WHY ARE STUDENTS REQUIRED TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?

National and local statistics show that students who live on campus enjoy an increased sense of community and campus connectedness, are better prepared academically and graduate at faster rates than those who do not.

Our focus is to help first-year students living in the residential communities transition to the college environment. Aside from the benefits of convenience and camaraderie, on-campus living offers important academic benefits to ensure your transition to college is successful. These benefits include live-in faculty and staff support, STAR (academic resource) Centers and Residential Learning Communities.

Our focus for sophomores living in the residential communities is to help keep you on track for a timely graduation and prepare you for life after SDSU. Through our signature Sophomore QUEST programming, you will learn leadership and independent living skills, participate in academic and career planning, and prepare for study abroad, internships and undergraduate research opportunities.

DID YOU KNOW?

COMPARED TO STUDENTS WHO LIVE OFF CAMPUS, THOSE WHO LIVE ON CAMPUS:

- HAVE HIGHER GPAs.
- TAKE MORE UNITS.
- ARE MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE WITHIN 4 YEARS.



Your Living Space

Living on campus may be your first experience living away from home. Making the move to university life will be a lifestyle change, but it will also be rewarding and memorable. We are here to ensure your transition is a positive one so that you may succeed both personally and academically at SDSU.

For your first year, we offer traditional and suite-style residence halls. In a traditional-style hall, residents share a communal bathroom, whereas in a suite-style hall, residents have a bathroom in their room.

The residence halls have co-ed floors and feature a variety of community spaces, such as kitchens, lounges, outdoor recreation areas and on-site laundry.

A majority of rooms are triple occupancy, meaning you will likely have two roommates. However, a limited number of single, double and quad-occupancy rooms are also available.

For your sophomore year, we offer apartment and suite-style living communities. In an apartment-style community, residents have a kitchen, living area and bathroom(s) in their unit. In suite-style communities, residents have a private bathroom(s) in their suite, and certain buildings also include a kitchenette and living area.

The apartments and suites feature a variety of community spaces and on-site laundry. The rooms are single, double or triple occupancy, and units range from one to seven bedrooms.

DID YOU KNOW?
 WE PROVIDE A SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS. WE OFFER GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING, HOUSING OVER UNIVERSITY BREAKS AND WE ASSIST WITH OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS TO MEET STUDENT NEEDS.



SINGLE ROOM*



DOUBLE ROOM*



TRIPLE ROOM*



QUAD ROOM*

A majority of rooms are triple occupancy.

*Floor plans and furniture may vary by unit.



Assignments

Our goal is to provide you with a positive living experience and maximize your potential for successful roommate relationships. For your first year, you will be assigned to a building and room according to the interests indicated on your housing application and room availability. You will be matched with a compatible roommate(s), based on your responses to the lifestyle questions in the housing application – or you may request a specific roommate(s).

FUN FACT:

LAST ACADEMIC YEAR, ON-CAMPUS RESIDENTS CAME FROM 48 STATES AND 55 COUNTRIES.



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THE RESIDENT ADVISERS AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANTS PUT ON VARIOUS PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING SO IT'S EASY TO MAKE FRIENDS. WHEN I WALK AROUND CAMPUS I SEE SO MANY FAMILIAR FACES. THIS MAKES SDSU FEEL LIKE HOME.

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SELENA JEONG
SAN JOSE, CA

Residential Education Team

At SDSU, there are many professional team members and student leaders who are available to assist you while you are living on campus. The primary purpose of the residential education team is to promote a positive living-learning atmosphere that stimulates your ability to succeed socially and academically. The following team members are housed in our residential communities:

RESIDENCE HALL COORDINATORS: The residence hall coordinators are full-time, master's level professionals who strive to make your living environment safe, comfortable, inclusive and conducive to your success. Residence hall coordinators also supervise student leaders, manage the day-to-day activities of the community and coordinate hall activities and programs.

RESIDENT ADVISERS/COMMUNITY ASSISTANTS: The resident advisers and community assistants are student leaders who live on each floor and are available to assist you with academic, social and personal needs. Resident advisers are based in our first-year communities, whereas community assistants are based in our second-year communities. Resident advisers and community assistants are responsible for facilitating community building, resolving conflicts and maintaining university policy.

FACULTY-IN-RESIDENCE: The faculty-in-residence serve as liaisons between SDSU faculty and students. These SDSU faculty members live in apartments located within the campus residential communities. They work closely and cooperatively with the residential staff. Together, they develop academic communities that meet your needs by encouraging your intellectual stimulation and academic success.

GENERAL ADVISER & RETENTION SPECIALISTS: The general adviser and retention specialists are full-time, coordinated care advisers for students living in our residential communities. They provide academic advising and retention programs for students and manage our academic resource spaces, the STAR Centers.

ASSISTANT COORDINATORS: The assistant coordinators are full-time and graduate student team members who assist the residence hall coordinator in overall community management and manage front desk operations. They also serve as advisers for the hall/community councils.

FRONT DESK ASSISTANTS: The front desk assistants are students who are responsible for providing you with campus information and any customer service needs. Front desk assistants also monitor building security and enforce safety procedures.



DEVIN HARGRETT
MANIFEE, CA

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I WOULD NEVER BE IN THE POSITION I AM TODAY IF IT WEREN'T FOR ON-CAMPUS HOUSING. THE FRIENDS I HAVE MADE AND THE OPPORTUNITIES I HAVE BEEN GIVEN HAVE TRULY MADE MY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE WORTHWHILE.

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Living-Learning Communities

As a first-year student, you will have the option to apply to live in a Residential Learning Community or a Thematic Living Community. These groups are designed to produce smaller, more intentional communities that promote student success. To apply, simply indicate your interest in a learning/thematic community on your housing application.

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Residential Learning Communities provide you with a unique opportunity to connect and learn, both inside and outside of the classroom. In a Residential Learning Community, you will live alongside other students with shared academic or co-curricular interests and are enrolled in a connected set of academic courses.

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY OPTIONS:

- » Adventures in Surfing and Sustainability
- » APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship and Togetherness (A-LIST)
- » Black Excellence
- » Business
- » Discover San Diego State
- » Emerging Leaders
- » Future Education Professionals
- » Health and Healing Professions
- » Journalism and Media Studies
- » Journey to Entrepreneurship
- » Level Up
- » Men Engaging in Technology and Science (METS)
- » Multicultural Learning Community (MLC)
- » Nuestra Casa
- » Nursing
- » Physical Fitness (P-Fit)
- » Pre-Law Community
- » Pride House (2SLGBTQIA+)
- » Skateboarding and Social Change
- » Visual and Performing Arts
- » Weber Honors College
- » Women's and Gender Equity House (WAGE)
- » Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)



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MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT LIVING ON CAMPUS WAS CONNECTING WITH MY ROOMMATE AND NEIGHBORS IN MY RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY. I STILL TALK TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE TODAY AND I KNOW I HAVE MADE LIFELONG FRIENDS.

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MYJA DEBOSE
CARSON, CA

THEMATIC LIVING COMMUNITIES

Thematic Living Communities provide you with the opportunity to live with students who share common interests without paired academic courses. In a Thematic Living Community, you will find a cohesive group of friends with whom you can participate in academic and social programs focused around your community theme.

THEME OPTIONS:

- » Aztec Engineering
- » Extended Quiet Hours
- » Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)
- » Substance Free

SOPHOMORE QUEST

As a sophomore, your residential community will offer programming that consists of workshops and high-impact learning opportunities designed for your specific needs. Sophomore QUEST programming will give you an opportunity to create plans that are able to contribute to your success, such as degree completion, study abroad, undergraduate research, internships, healthy living, and financial and credit management.



To learn more about our living and learning communities, visit housing.sdsu.edu/rlc.



SOPHOMORE QUEST PROGRAMMING

- Community building and social events
- Academic advising workshops and one-on-one sessions
- Career readiness: resume critiques, internship preparation, connecting with SDSU alumni and employers
- Study abroad planning
- Financial literacy education
- Healthy living: Trader Joe's smart shopping tours, healthy cooking demonstrations, creating balance and managing stress





SDSU Dining

Living on campus provides you with direct access to a diverse collection of dining options. Whether it's our restaurants or our quick-service eateries and Aztec Markets, SDSU Dining currently provides over 40 different venues to choose from across campus.

MEAL PLANS

As a first and second-year student living on campus, you will be required to have a meal plan. We offer multiple meal plans to accommodate your needs, providing you with the flexibility to eat when and where you want. You will have the opportunity to select your meal plan on the housing application and can change your meal plan during three designated meal plan change periods throughout the academic year.



To learn more about meal plans, visit eatatsdsu.com.



Leadership Opportunities

On-campus residents are offered a variety of leadership opportunities within their living environment. We encourage you to be an active member of your residential community.

MAKE AN IMPACT by participating in hall government. The Residence Hall Association is a student-run organization that initiates, implements and coordinates programs designed to enhance the educational, social and cultural experience of residents. As a member, you'll have the opportunity to design and coordinate engaging social activities, including weekend events, dances, film screenings and celebrations.

CULTIVATE COMMUNITY by becoming a resident adviser or community assistant. Resident advisers and community assistants are highly trained student leaders charged with providing guidance and support for on-campus residents. You may apply to be a resident adviser or community assistant your first year and serve beginning your sophomore year.

PROMOTE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT by becoming a STAR Center assistant or tutor. STAR Center assistants and tutors provide academic support and tutoring in various subjects for on-campus residents in the STAR Centers.

DEVELOP JOB SKILLS by working on campus. Housing and Residential Education employs over 400 students each year in a variety of positions including:

- » Administration assistants
- » Audio/visual assistants
- » Conference assistants
- » Custodial assistants
- » Digital media assistants
- » Facilities assistants
- » Front desk assistant/security monitor
- » Graphic design assistants
- » Housing assignments assistants
- » Housing assistants
- » Inspection assistants
- » IT assistants
- » Logistics assistants
- » Security assistants
- » Sustainability assistants

The SDSU Advantage

Advantages to living on campus include:

- » No commute.
- » Easy access to classes, campus resources and public transit.
- » Community events and programs.
- » Live-in staff and faculty.
- » Diverse meal plan and dining options.
- » Furnished living space.
- » Wi-Fi and television streaming.
- » On-site laundry.
- » STAR (academic resource) Centers with advising and tutoring.
- » Community lounges and study areas.
- » Outdoor recreation areas.
- » 24/7 front desk operations for first-year communities.
- » 24/7 emergency maintenance service.
- » Utilities included.
- » Financial aid disbursed directly to your bill.
- » Academic-year license agreement (versus annual lease).



How to Apply

Incoming first-year students who are required to live on campus (see page 6) must complete the steps below. Students who are not required to live on campus, but would like to, must also complete the steps below to apply for on-campus housing.

EARLY MARCH THROUGH APRIL

1. Accept your Offer of Admission by submitting the Intent to Enroll nonrefundable deposit.
2. Activate your SDSUId. Your SDSUId credentials are required to access the Housing Portal.
3. Log onto the Housing Portal and apply for on-campus housing. Pay the nonrefundable initial payment fee.
4. E-sign and submit your completed license agreement by the Intent to Enroll deadline in May.

EARLY MAY

5. Log onto the Housing Portal and indicate your living interests and select a meal plan. This information will be used to assign your room and, if applicable, your roommate(s) and learning/thematic community.

Housing Costs



Housing costs vary based on your room type and meal plan. Pricing is available in the spring semester for the following academic year. For housing rates, visit housing.sdsu.edu/costs.

Included in the total cost is a nonrefundable initial payment, which must be submitted with the license agreement to reserve your space. Your initial payment will be deducted from your total amount due and is **not a deposit**. Your remaining balance after the initial payment and disbursement of financial aid (if applicable) will be billed to you in eight installments, which are scheduled for August through April.

Financial Aid

Apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application in December/early January. You will be able to view your financial aid information and your “tasks” related to financial aid (if any) on the [my.SDSU](https://my.sdsu.edu) portal after you are officially admitted to SDSU.



Financial aid may be used to help pay your educational expenses, including the cost of living on campus. We encourage all students and parents to review the cost of attendance information at sacd.sdsu.edu/cost-of-attendance to determine if SDSU is the right fit financially.

If you would like to learn more about financial aid, please visit the Cal Coast Student Financial Center at sacd.sdsu.edu/sfc.



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OTHER STUDENTS, JOINING
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