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 your classes, dining venues, the Love Library, the Aztec Recreation Center, and sporting and social events.

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.
OUR COMMITMENT

The Office of Housing Administration and Residential Education Office are 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 civil responsibility

» Responsible stewardship of our facilities, finances and resources

LIVING ON CAMPUS HAS TAUGHT ME TO VALUE AND RESPECT EVERYONE’S DIFFERENCES. SHARING A HOME WITH SUCH A DIVERSE GROUP OF STUDENTS REALLY MAKES YOU CULTURALLY AWARE AND APPRECIATIVE OF OTHER IDEAS AND BELIEFS.

LANISE POWELL
HAYWARD, CA
TWO-YEAR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

All incoming first-time freshmen from outside SDSU’s local admission area are required to live on campus their freshman and sophomore years.

Additionally, all local students in the Weber Honors College are required to live on campus during their freshman year.

SDSU recognizes that exceptions to the residency requirement may be appropriate in certain circumstances and may be requested.

Students who are in SDSU’s local admission area are not required to live on campus, but are encouraged to apply. Local students who complete their license agreement and submit their initial payment by the Intent to Enroll deadline are guaranteed on-campus housing their freshman year.

WHY ARE STUDENTS REQUIRED TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?

SDSU’s residency requirement is in alignment with the California State University Graduation Initiative of 2025 to improve student academic success, retention and graduation rates.

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 freshmen 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.

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 FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN IMPERIAL COUNTY.

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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 freshman 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.

The rooms are typically double- or triple-occupancy, meaning you will likely have one or two roommates. However, a limited number of single- 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 are co-ed by unit and 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.
ASSIGNMENTS
Our goal is to provide you with a positive living experience and maximize your potential for successful roommate relationships. For your freshman 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).

For your sophomore year, you will be able to self-select your building and room during an assigned lottery date and time. You may choose your own roommate(s) and have the option to extend your license agreement term length from nine months (academic year) to 11.5 months (through summer).

FUN FACT:
IN 2019, ON-CAMPUS RESIDENTS CAME FROM 47 STATES AND 44 COUNTRIES.

RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION STAFF
At SDSU, there are many professional staff members and student leaders who are available to assist you while you are living on campus. The primary purpose of the residential staff is to promote a positive living-learning atmosphere that stimulates your ability to succeed academically. The following staff members live in each residential community:

**RESIDENCE HALL COORDINATOR:** Full-time, master’s-level professional responsible for ensuring your living environment is safe, comfortable, inclusive and conducive to your success. The residence hall coordinator also supervises student leaders, advises the Hall Council and coordinates hall activities and programs.

**RESIDENT ADVISERS/COMMUNITY ASSISTANTS:** 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 freshmen communities, whereas community assistants are based in our sophomore communities. Resident advisers and community assistants are responsible for facilitating community building, solving conflicts and maintaining university policy.

**FACULTY-IN-RESIDENCE:** Faculty members from various fields available to provide you with informal coaching, referrals to campus resources and educational programming throughout your time on campus.

**ACADEMIC MENTORS:** Student leaders available in the Residential Learning Communities to provide you with academic guidance during your freshman year.

**FRONT DESK SECURITY MANAGER:** Graduate student leader who assists the residence hall coordinator in overall community management and front desk operations.

**FRONT DESK ASSISTANTS:** Students responsible for providing you with campus information and any customer service needs. Front desk assistants are also responsible for monitoring building security, processing mail and enforcing safety procedures.

THE AMOUNT OF OPPORTUNITIES, MEMORIES AND LONG-LASTING FRIENDSHIPS THAT I HAVE GAINED FROM LIVING ON CAMPUS CANNOT BE FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE, WHICH MAKES IT A TRULY REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE.

Brandon Fortino
Jakarta, Indonesia

THE RESIDENT ADVISERS AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANTS ARE A GREAT RESOURCE. THEY make YOU FEEL WELCOME AND PUT ON ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL EVENTS THAT ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS.

MAYA BARBOZA
SAN JOSE, CA

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LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES

As a freshman, you will have the option to apply to live in a Residential Learning Community or 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
» Business
» Discover San Diego State
» Emerging Leaders Program
» Future Education Professionals
» Health and Healing Professionals
» Journalism and Media Studies
» Journey to Entrepreneurship
» Men Engaging in Technology and Science (METS)
» Nursing
» Physical Fitness (P-Fit)
» Pre-Law Community
» Pride House (LGBTQIA+)
» Toltec House for Undeclared Majors
» Visual and Performing Arts
» Weber Honors College
» Women's and Gender Equity House (WAGE)
» Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)

LIVING ON CAMPUS EXPOSES YOU TO SO MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITH BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS, AND LIVING WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE THE SAME MAJOR AS ME HAS GIVEN ME A STRONG SUPPORT GROUP THROUGHOUT MY ACADEMIC CAREER.

AARON NEPOMUCENO
CHULA VISTA, CA

LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES

As a sophomore, your residential community will offer Sophomore QUEST 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 for degree completion, study abroad, undergraduate research, internships, healthy living, financial and credit management, and other programs that are known to contribute to your success.

SOPHOMORE QUEST

As a sophomore, your residential community will offer Sophomore QUEST 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 for degree completion, study abroad, undergraduate research, internships, healthy living, financial and credit management, and other programs that are known to contribute to your success.

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
» ROTC
» Substance-Free

SOPHOMORE QUEST PROGRAMMING

☐ Academic Advising 101
☐ Study Abroad: Mapping Your Plan
☐ Financial Literacy Family Feud
☐ Cooking Healthy in Your Kitchen
☐ Trader Joe’s Smart Shopping Tour
☐ From A to Zinc: Ask a Nutritionist
☐ Suit Up with SDSU
☐ Resumania
☐ Flash Mentoring Mixer

DID YOU KNOW?

• STUDENTS WHO LIVE ON CAMPUS FOR TWO YEARS HAVE A CONTINUATION RATE TO JUNIOR YEAR OF 90%
• STUDENTS WHO LIVE ON CAMPUS FOR ONE YEAR HAVE A CONTINUATION RATE TO SOPHOMORE YEAR OF 70%
• STUDENTS WHO LIVE OFF CAMPUS HAVE A CONTINUATION RATE OF 58%
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 provides over 48 different venues to choose from across campus. Many of our menus feature fresh ingredients from SDSU gardens through our Campus Grown program.

MEAL PLANS

As a freshman living on campus, you will be required to have a meal plan. We offer a variety of meal plans to accommodate your needs, providing you 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.

A meal plan will not be required for your sophomore year living on campus. However, special meal plans are available for sophomore residents. Please note that sophomore meal plans cannot be changed once they are chosen.

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.

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 freshman year and serve beginning your sophomore year.

PROMOTE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT by becoming an academic mentor. Academic mentors provide academic support in various subjects for on-campus residents. Academic mentors are responsible for fostering a supportive learning environment in the Residential Learning Communities.

DESIGN ENGAGING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES by joining the Residence Hall Association Program Board. This board creates fun weekend events, including dances, film screenings and celebrations.

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

- Audio/Visual assistants
- Conference assistants
- Facilities assistants
- Front Desk assistants
- Inspection assistants
- IT assistants
- Marketing assistants
- Office assistants
- Security monitors

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING IS A GREAT WAY TO CONNECT AND MEET NEW PEOPLE. ESPECIALLY COMING FROM OUT OF STATE AND BARELY KNOWING ANYONE, IT PROVIDES YOU WITH A GENUINE COMMUNITY AND HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

CLAIRE KIERSKY
SEATTLE, WA
THE SDSU ADVANTAGE

With on-campus housing at SDSU you have ...
- No commute
- Easy access to classes, campus resources and public transit
- Community events and programs
- Live-in staff and faculty
- Diverse dining options
- Furnished living space
- Wi-Fi and Philo television streaming
- On-site laundry
- STAR (academic resource) Centers with tutoring
- Community lounges and study areas

- Outdoor recreation areas
- 24/7 front desk operations
- 24/7 emergency maintenance services
- Utilities included
- Financial aid disbursed directly to your bill
- Academic year license agreement (vs. annual lease)

HOW TO APPLY
Incoming first-time freshmen 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 complete the steps below by the Intent to Enroll deadline to be guaranteed on-campus housing freshman year.

1. Accept your Offer of Admission by submitting the Intent to Enroll nonrefundable deposit by the deadline indicated in your SDSU Web Portal.
2. Activate your SDSUid. Your SDSUid credentials are required to access the Housing Portal.
3. Apply for on-campus housing on the Housing Portal in early March.
4. Submit and e-sign your completed license agreement by the posted deadline.
5. Explore and indicate your living interests. This information will be used to assign your building and room and, if applicable, your roommate(s) and learning/thematic community.

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BRANDYN CLARK
SACRAMENTO, CA

MANY OF THE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES HAVE STAR CENTERS, WHICH ARE EXTREMELY HELPFUL FOR TUTORING AND ARE A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY CLOSE BY.

SARVENAZ KARBASI
EL PASO, TX

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 $375 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) beginning Oct. 1. Filing & submitting verification documents (if requested by SDSU) will enable the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to generate an estimated financial aid award that will help you decide whether SDSU is the right fit financially. Financial aid may be used to help pay your educational expenses, including the cost of living on campus.

If you are required to live on campus, the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will receive this information automatically. For more information on financial aid, log into AidLink (your SDSU financial aid portal) or contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at 619-594-6323.
MY FAVORITE PART OF LIVING ON CAMPUS IS JUST HOW CLOSE EVERYTHING IS. SAN DIEGO HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER, AND YOU GET TO BE RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF IT.