CAMPUS LIVING

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
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, the library, student organizations and events that make campus life rewarding. You will join a community of fellow residents, faculty and staff members and make friendships that last a lifetime.

Studies have shown that students who live on campus are more likely to succeed academically and are more satisfied with their collegiate experience. At SDSU, we have found that students who live on campus have a higher GPA and are more likely to stay in school than those living off campus.
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Bienvenidos a SDSU, welcome to SDSU! I am from Caracas, Venezuela, and I came to the USA to attend school. Going to a foreign country for college can feel overwhelming, but the transition to life in the USA has been made easy by living on campus at SDSU.

By living in the residence halls, I have been able to become a more outgoing person as a result of attending activities that the campus and our resident advisers put on. I also met a lot of my friends in the study rooms, where we studied for exams together. I was able to connect and develop meaningful relationships with the people around me very easily because I lived with the people who were in my classes. My friends in the residence halls have made my transition to a new country a lot less intimidating.
YOUR LIVING SPACE

Living on campus at SDSU 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.

BUILDINGS AND ROOMS

In first-time-freshmen communities, we offer traditional and suite-style residence halls. A majority of the rooms are triple occupancy, with limited single, double and quad occupancy options. All building and room assignments are made according to the lifestyle interests indicated on your Housing License Agreement and room availability.
Everyone here is just so open and friendly. I’ve met so many people from so many different backgrounds. I could be walking down the hall and someone will see me and say, “Hey! Do you want to do homework together and get dinner after?” It’s hard to explain when you have 20 to 50 people living on your floor and you consider everyone your family.

You become so close and get to try new things and learn about different people and where they come from. And it’s not just meeting new people; it’s being exposed to and learning about new cultures, attitudes and beliefs. Living on campus just really expands you as a person, and there are so many adventures to be had and so many avenues for involvement.

ROOMMATE MATCHING

We encourage you to branch out and meet new people. Our roommate matching program uses the responses from the lifestyle questions in your housing application to match roommates. Our goal is to provide you with a positive living experience and maximize your potential for successful roommate relationships.

If you would like to request a specific roommate(s), be sure you mutually confirm each other and have chosen the same room type, communities and/or programs.

FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN PRIORITY

First-time freshmen whose Housing License Agreement and initial payment are received and processed by the Intent to Enroll deadline are guaranteed housing.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

SDSU requires the following groups to live on campus:

» All first-and second-year students from outside of the SDSU service area*
» All first-year students in the Weber Honors College

*The SDSU service area includes all public high schools south of state Highway 56 in San Diego County and all high schools in Imperial County.

ROOMS

TRIPLE ROOM

*most common room type

QUAD ROOM

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SDSU HOUSING strives to provide a safe, inclusive and supportive experience for all students. We offer specialized learning and thematic communities, gender-inclusive housing, housing over university breaks and other accommodations to meet your needs.

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 who are enrolled in a connected set of academic courses to help produce smaller, more intentional communities that promote student success. Your education will be supported by Faculty-in-Residence and Academic Mentors through related social activities and one-on-one mentorships.

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY OPTIONS:

» Adventures in Surfing and Sustainability
» Business
» Dance (majors)
» Discover San Diego State
» Emerging Leaders Program
» Future Education Professionals
» Health and Healing Professions
» Journalism and Media Studies
» Journey to Entrepreneurship
» METS (Men Engaging in Technology and Science)
» Nursing
» Physical Fitness
» Pre-Law Community
» Pride House (LGBTQIA+)
» Toltec House (for undeclared majors)
» Visual and Performing Arts
» WAGE (Women’s & Gender Equity House)
» Weber Honors College
» WISE (Women in Science and Engineering)
San Diego State is always growing, and there are over 30,000 students enrolled. That number may seem daunting, but living in the residence halls makes the transition to a large campus really easy. I lived in a Residential Learning Community so my hallmates had similar interests and majors. Living in a Residential Learning Community and getting involved in various student organizations makes the campus a whole lot smaller, so I always get to see a lot of friends and familiar faces just going from class to class.

I believe the best thing about living on campus is the out-of-the-classroom experience where you’re making memories with your friends in the halls and around campus. Living at SDSU is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and really defines your college experience.

THEMATIC COMMUNITIES

Thematic Communities provide you with the opportunity to live with students who share common interests without paired academic courses. In a Thematic Community, you are likely to 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

STAFF AND FACULTY-IN-RESIDENCE

STAFF-IN-RESIDENCE

As a live-in staff member, the Residence Hall Coordinator is responsible for the development of comfortable living and learning communities that foster academic success. Residence Hall Coordinators work and live in each residential community and are available to assist you with your personal needs or concerns. Residence Hall Coordinators supervise the student Resident Advisers and Community Assistants who live on the floors of each building and coordinate hall activities and programs.

FACULTY-IN-RESIDENCE

As a live-in faculty member, the Faculty-in-Residence plays an integral role in helping you grow and succeed academically. Faculty members of various fields reside in many of our halls to provide you with informal academic counseling, referrals to campus resources and educational programming throughout your time on campus.

A Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity

NAME: MICHAEL
HOMETOWN: SAN MARCOS, CA
SDSU DINING

Living on campus provides you with direct access to a diverse collection of dining options. Whether it’s our residence hall restaurants, The Garden at Cuicacalli and University Towers Kitchen, or our quick-service eateries and Aztec Markets, SDSU Dining provides over 44 different venues to choose from across campus. Many of our menus feature fresh ingredients from SDSU gardens through our Campus-Grown program.

SDSU meal plans provide you with the flexibility to eat when and where you want. Once accepted to SDSU, you will have the opportunity to select your meal plan option as part of your Housing License Agreement. We have a variety of meal plans to accommodate your needs.

Find out more about menus, the Campus-Grown program and meal plan options on the SDSU Dining website: www.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 for on-campus residents. The Residence Hall Association 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. They develop an inclusive community and culture of shared responsibility in their hall. Resident Advisers are based in our first-year communities, whereas Community Assistants are based in our sophomore and upper-division communities.

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 S.P.E.A.R. (Special Programs, Events, Activities and Recreation). The S.P.E.A.R. board creates fun weekend events and programs for residence hall students, including dances, film screenings and celebrations.

DEVELOP JOB SKILLS by working on campus. Housing employs over 300 students each year in a variety of positions including:

» A/V Assistants
» Conference Assistants
» Facilities Assistants
» Front Desk Assistants
» Inspection Assistants
» IT (Rezcon) Assistants
» Marketing Assistants
» Security Monitors
» Office Assistants
Be a Part of Something Bigger

NAME: LED
HOMETOWN: SAN DIEGO, CA

I’m actually from San Diego, and I decided to live on campus because of the community it fosters. As soon as I saw how excited the Faculty-in-Residence were to meet the incoming students, I knew that I wanted to be a part of the residential community at SDSU.

At first I was nervous about fitting in and making new friends, but thanks to my Resident Adviser and their programs in the beginning of the semester, I made a lot of connections really quickly.

If you want to be a part of something bigger, then definitely live on campus. You’re surrounded by friends who support you, and it’s so cool going to classes with the people you live with. I have met some of my best friends by living on campus.

Leadership Starts Here

For me, moving away from home has helped me gain a sense of independence. I love living on campus so much that I decided to become a Resident Adviser. It is my way of giving back to the campus and helping our incoming students with the difficult transition from high school to college.

I believe that leadership starts here and, once you open up that avenue, SDSU truly does provide you with endless opportunities. I am so excited to be a part of the Aztec Experience here on campus and to be able to make a difference in students’ lives.

NAME: MARISSA
HOMETOWN: MADERA, CA
The SDSU Sophomore Success program is an immersive, full-service academic and student support initiative tailored to sophomore students who are from outside of the SDSU service area.

**HOW IT WORKS**

This initiative requires all first and second-year students from outside the SDSU service area to live on campus.

**PURPOSE**

Research shows that students who live on campus are better prepared academically, feel more connected to the university and graduate faster than those who live off campus.

**BENEFITS**

Program participants will enjoy special programs, services and amenities designed to promote academic, career and personal success.

- Academic Advising
- Study Abroad Preparation
- Internships and Career Planning
- Health and Wellness Initiatives
- Flexible Guest, Meal and Roommate Policies

**SDSU SERVICE AREA** includes all public high schools south of state Highway 56 in San Diego County and all high schools in Imperial County.
THE SDSU ADVANTAGE

With on-campus housing at SDSU you have...

- ✓ No Commute
- ✓ Easy Access to Classes, Library and Other Campus Facilities
- ✓ Community Activities and Programs
- ✓ Live-in Faculty and Staff
- ✓ S.T.A.R. (Academic Resource) Centers with Tutoring
- ✓ Study Areas and Computer Labs
- ✓ Furnished Living Space
- ✓ Wireless Internet and Philo Television Streaming
- ✓ Outdoor Recreation Areas and Game Rooms
- ✓ On-Site Laundry
- ✓ Diverse Meal Plans and Dining Options
- ✓ Aztec Recreation Center and Aquaplex Membership
- ✓ Public Transit
- ✓ Financial Aid Disbursed Directly to Your Bill
- ✓ 24/7 Hall Front Desk Operations
- ✓ 24/7 Maintenance Service for Emergency Repairs
- ✓ Academic Year License Agreement (vs. Annual Lease)
- ✓ Option for Housing Reassignment
HOW TO APPLY

1. Accept your Offer of Admission by submitting the Intent to Enroll non-refundable deposit by the deadline indicated in your SDSU WebPortal. After you submit your Intent to Enroll, you need to activate your SDSUid. Your SDSUid credentials are required to access the SDSU Housing Portal.

2. Apply for on-campus housing in early March via the Housing Portal.

3. Explore and indicate your living interests. This information will be used to assign your room, and, if applicable, your roommate(s), meal plan and Residential Learning Community.

4. Submit your $375 non-refundable initial housing payment.

5. Submit and e-sign your completed License Agreement by the deadline.
HOUSING COSTS

RATES AND PAYMENTS

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

Included in the total cost is a $375 non-refundable 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, scheduled August through April.

FINANCIAL AID

Apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) beginning October 1 and check AidLink regularly after you apply. Financial aid may be used to help pay your educational expenses, influencing 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. Deferment of the $375 non-refundable initial payment is available to some students receiving financial aid. If you have financial aid funds remaining after your tuition and fees have been paid, the remaining aid will be credited to your housing bill.

For questions regarding financial aid, contact SDSU Financial Aid and Scholarships at (619) 594-6323.

At SDSU there’s a really strong sense of community, and I feel that with everyone I meet. Growing up I moved a lot and I never felt that I truly belonged until I arrived on campus.

I’ve met my best friends in the residence halls, and I know they are people who are going to be in my life forever. I feel much closer to my campus friends and neighbors than the people I grew up with. We have this strong bond, and we always support each other.

I was afraid to take college classes because I heard stories about A and B students in high school struggling in college. However, coming here and being in a Residential Learning Community has given me a group of people that I can study with, and we always work through assignments and study together. Living on campus has made my transition to college so easy.
Community Starts Here
SDSU IS THE Ideal Location

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