

SSU FACTS 2009

Mission

Sonoma State University's mission is to prepare students to be learned men and women who:

- have a foundation for lifelong learning;
- have a broad cultural perspective;
- have a keen appreciation of intellectual and aesthetic achievements;
- will be active citizens and leaders in society;
- are capable of pursuing fulfilling careers in a changing world; and
- are concerned with contributing to the health and well-being of the world at large.

Affiliation

SSU is part of the largest system of higher education in the country granting baccalaureate and master's degrees, the California State University (CSU). The 23 campuses currently serve almost 435,000 students.

Size and Location of Campus

269 acres, located in Rohnert Park at the foot of the Sonoma Mountains. The campus is an hour's drive north of San Francisco and centrally located between the Pacific Ocean to the west and the wine country to the north and east.

Satellite Centers

SSU offers upper-division programs in Ukiah and Napa, leading to a BA degree in liberal studies.

Academic Calendar

Two 16-week semesters August through December; and late January through May. In addition, summer classes include one 8-week and two 4-week sessions.

ACCREDITATION

Sonoma State University is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. SSU is also a member of the prestigious Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, an association of public colleges and universities whose primary mission is ensuring that fine undergraduate liberal arts and sciences education is available to students in the public systems of higher education. SSU is the only California member of COPLAC.

Individual program accreditations granted by:

- American Chemical Society
- National Association of Schools of Music
- National League for Nursing
- National Association for Schools of Art and Design
- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
- Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
- School of Education programs approved by Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)

ALUMNI

Total Number of SSU Alumni: 53,000

The SSU Alumni Association is a non-profit corporation designed to support and further the development of SSU. The Association's mission is to provide service to Sonoma State University alumni as well as encourage and enhance their life-long relationship with the university. The Association sponsors alumni programs and events and provides student scholarships. Membership is open to graduates, former students, and friends of SSU.

Contact

Phone: 707-664-2693
E-mail: alumni.office@sonoma.edu
URL: www.ssualumni.org



ATHLETICS

The SSU Intercollegiate Athletics Program participates in the California Collegiate Athletic Association as a Division II program of the NCAA. Currently, five men's and eight women's intercollegiate teams compete. In addition, there is a wide variety of sports clubs and an active intramural and recreational sports program.

CONTACT SSU

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<http://www.sonoma.edu/>

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Phone

SSU phone directory is available online at <https://ldaps.sonoma.edu/fasd/>
The A-Z index provides phone information as well at <http://www.sonoma.edu/a-z/index.shtml>

Frequently Called Numbers

Area Code 707

Academic Advising 664-2427
Admissions & Records 664-2778
Alumni Association 664-2426
Customer Service Center 664-2308
Development 664-2712
Directory Information 664-2880
Extended Education 664-2394
Financial Aid Office 664-2389
Health Center 664-2921
Information Technology 664-2346
Library, General Info 664-2375; Hours 664-2595
Police and Parking Services 664-2143
President's Office 664-2156
Student Affairs and Enrollment Management 664-2838
Student Union 664-2382
University Affairs 664-2158

CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Each year, SSU sponsors hundreds of seminars, workshops, lectures, conferences, exhibits, and other public programs. In addition, thousands of North Bay residents attend public performances on campus each year, produced or sponsored by the Center for Performing Arts. The University Art Gallery and University Library Gallery are major attractions for local artists, hosting numerous exhibits each year.

DEGREE & PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Within SSU's 36 academic departments, degrees are offered in 41 majors and 46 minors at the bachelor's level and 14 at the master's level. The University offers a joint master's degree in mathematics with San Francisco State University and a joint doctorate in educational administration with California State University, Sacramento and the University of California, Davis. There are nine credential programs and eight undergraduate and graduate certificate programs. SSU also offers one of the only Wine Business programs in the country. Basic teaching credential programs in education include multiple subject, multiple subject BCLAD, single subject, administrative services, reading/language arts (certificate or specialist), special education (mild/moderate or moderate/severe), pupil personnel services (via the Counseling Department).

EXTENDED EDUCATION

SSU's School of Extended Education features a variety of development programs including courses for professional relicensure, certificate programs in such diverse fields as Construction (Green Building and Construction Management), Law (Paralegal), Business (Accounting and Human Resource Management) and Counseling (Child/Infant Mental Health). Additionally, the School offers several fully accredited degree programs: a Liberal Studies B.A. degree completion program and an Interdisciplinary M.A.; M.A. degrees in Organization Development and Depth Psychology; and the Master of Computer and Engineering Science program. Among its community-based programs are EXCEL, a summer enrichment program for youth, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Educational Travel programs and the Sonoma State American Language Institute.

For a current catalog of courses, call 707-664-2394 or visit www.sonoma.edu/exed/.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Employees	Number	Percent
Faculty	554	36.7
Tenure/Tenure Track	271	48.9
Lecturers	283	51.1
Staff	957	63.3
Total	1511	100.0
Faculty		
Male	264	47.7
Female	290	52.3
Total	554	100
Black	9	1.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	35	6.3
Hispanic	24	4.3
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	5	0.9
White	462	83.4
Declined to State	19	3.4
Total	554	100

Staff		
Male	386	40.3
Female	571	59.7
Total	957	100
Ethnicity		
Black	25	2.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	48	5.0
Hispanic	80	8.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	8	0.8
White	733	76.6
Declined to State	63	6
Total	957	100

FINANCIAL DATA

SSU Budget 2008-09

General Fund	\$92,927,686	45.2%
Capital Budget	\$60,718,009	29.5%
Grants and Contracts	\$8,200,000	4.0%
Housing	\$19,480,322	9.5%
Extended Education	\$4,811,279	2.3%
Parking	\$2,200,000	1.1%
Instructionally Related Activities	\$3,279,528	1.6%
<i>Auxiliary Corporations</i>		
Associated Students	\$2,109,336	1.0%
Student Union	\$2,359,063	1.1%
Sonoma State Enterprises	\$9,426,853	4.6%
Foundation General Fund	\$239,800	0.1%
<i>Foundation Asset Management: \$39,739,593</i>		
TOTAL	\$205,751,876	100%

HISTORY

Founded

Sonoma State College was founded in 1960 when Governor Edmund G. Brown signed Senate Bill 43 establishing the college as a member of the California State College system. The college opened in temporary quarters in 1961 under the leadership of founding president Ambrose R. Nichols, Jr. with an enrollment of 265 upper-division students. Most of the faculty and administrators of the Santa Rosa Center of San Francisco State College, which had served the region since 1956, joined the new college. Sonoma State College moved to its present 269-acre site in 1966 when its first two buildings, Stevenson and Darwin Halls, were completed. By then there were more than 1,000 students enrolled. In 1978, University status was granted and the name of the college was changed to Sonoma State University.

University Milestones

1961
SSU becomes part of the California State College system (now the California State University)

1962
First bachelor of arts degree (elementary education)
First four-year program offered

May 1966
First graduating class

1966
First master's degree offered (biology, psychology)

1978
University status attained

1999

SSU invited to join the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges as sole member from California

2000

The Jean & Charles Schulz Information Center built

2001

The Lifelong Learning Institute for students over the age of 50 is founded. The Osher Foundation gave a large gift which resulted in the name change to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

2004

The University is gifted its first Endowed Chair. The \$1.5 million gift came from the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria to fund a teaching position in Native American Studies.

2005

Renovation of Darwin Hall, the University's second original buildings, begins

The University is gifted a 3,500 acre nature preserve northwest of Cloverdale, CA, called the Galbreath Wildlands Preserve

The newly-constructed Recreation Center receives the Outstanding Sports Facilities Award by the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association for its functional use of space and incorporation of sustainable building techniques

2006

Darwin Hall re-opens as a 21st century science building

Construction of the Donald & Maureen Green Music Center begins

2008

Music Education Hall in the Green Music Center complex opens

2009

Tuscany Village, the newest housing community, opens

Presidents

Ambrose R. Nichols, Jr. 1961-1970

Thomas H. McGrath 1971-1974

Marjorie Downing Wagner 1974-1976

Peter Diamandopoulos 1977-1983

David W. Benson 1984-1992

Ruben Armiñana 1992-present

HOUSING

Campus residence halls and apartments currently house 2,400 single students. All suites and apartments are fully furnished, carpeted, and have their own living rooms and bathrooms. In addition, all units are electronically linked to the campus computer network.

The campus provides housing for 3200 students in residential suites and apartments. Around 90% of the freshmen class and around 50% of all undergraduates live on campus. All accommodations are fully furnished and directly wired into the University's computing network.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Holdings

The library has a collection of more than 670,000 volumes, with 8,000 new titles added each year. Current periodical subscriptions number over 35,000 (in both print and electronic formats).

Specialized Collections

North Bay Regional Collection

Extensive children's book collection

Wine business resources

Jack London collection including first editions, letters, and original serialized stories

Services

Instruction

Research assistance

Innovative study spaces

Extensive computing resources

Circulation

Almost 275,000 items each year.

Visits

There were more than 630,000 visits by students, faculty, staff, and community users in 2007-2008.

Electronic Resources

From the library web site, students, faculty, and staff have access to the library catalog, more than 160 databases covering all academic subject areas, and a continuously increasing number of full-text journal articles.

PHYSICAL CAMPUS

Size and Location

Sonoma State spans 274 acres, located in Rohnert Park at the foot of the Sonoma Mountains. The campus is an hour's drive north of San Francisco and centrally located between the Pacific Ocean to the west and the wine country to the north and east.

Facility Name	Square Feet
Stevenson Hall	130,160
Darwin Hall	111,821
Field House	15,826
Ives Hall	48,510
Physical Education	65,985
Ruben Salazar Hall	116,186
Rachael Carson Hall	20,000
Nichols Hall	30,700
Residential Halls and Dining Commons	684,560
Student Union	18,500
Art Building	17,600
Evert B. Person Theatre	46,604
Schulz Information Center	20,655
Student Recreation Center	215,500
Environmental Technology Center	53,442
Total*	3,120
	1,717,994

*Total includes all facilities, not just those listed above.

STUDENTS

Enrollment	Number	Percent
Undergraduate	7709	86.4
Graduate	1212	13.6
Total	8921	
Men	3305	37.0
Women	5616	63.0
Total	8921	
African American	186	2.1
Asian	446	5.0
Hispanic	1030	11.5
Native American	84	0.9
White	5597	67.2
Unknown	1088	12.2
Total	8431	98.9
California	8763	98.50
Other States	99	1.00
Other Countries	59	0.50

Average Age	
Undergraduate	22
Graduate	35
All Students	23

Financial Aid	Percent
Financial Aid	35
Grants/Scholarships	27

Top 10 Majors - Undergraduate

Business Administration	1
Education	2
Psychology	3
English	4
Math	5
Biology	6
Kinesiology/PE	7
Art	8
Economics	9
Political Science	10

Top 10 Majors - Graduate

Education	1
Counseling	2
Nursing	3
Business Administration	4
English	5
Biology	6
Anthropology	7
History	8
Political Science	9
Psychology	10

Degrees Conferred

Degrees conferred 2007-2008 school year (Fall '07, Spring '08, and Summer '08 Degrees Awarded)

Undergraduate and graduate majors earned (includes approximately 70 double majors):

School	Awarded	Percent
Arts & Humanities	484	25.3
Business & Economics	387	20.2
Education	49	2.6
Science & Technology	261	13.6
Social Sciences	725	37.9
Interdisciplinary	7	0.4
Total	1913	100.0

Student Fees - Fall 2009

Fees required of all students each semester

Undergraduate

1.0 to 6.0 units \$1,497
7.0 or more units \$2,136

Graduate

1.0 to 6.0 units \$1,701
7.0 or more units \$2,490

Credential

1.0 to 6.0 units \$1,638
7.0 or more units \$2,382

Non-Resident Tuition

\$399 per unit, in addition to resident fees

* The CSU makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Fees listed in published schedules or student accounts may need to be increased when public funding is inadequate. Therefore, CSU must reserve the right, even after initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees, without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun. All CSU listed fees should be regarded as estimates that are subject to change upon approval by The Board of Trustees.

** Students seeking an initial Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Special Education teaching credential (preliminary, clear, Level I, or Level II) admitted to a credential program with classified or conditionally classified status.