### History

**Beginnings**
Sonoma State 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. Sonoma State College moved to its present site in 1966 when Stevenson and Darwin Halls were completed. In 1978, University status was granted and the name of the college was changed to Sonoma State University.

**Presidents**
- Thomas H. McGrath ............................... 1971-1974
- Marjorie Downing Wagner .......................... 1974-1976
- Peter Diamandopoulos ............................. 1977-1983
- David W. Benson .................................. 1984-1992
- Ruben Armianana ................................ 1992-2016
- Judy K. Sakaki .................................... 2016-Present

### Mission
Sonoma State University’s mission is to prepare persons 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
- Are concerned with contributing to the health and well-being of the world at large

### Alumni
Sonoma State has more than 65,000 alumni who have successful careers in business, government, the arts, education and non-profits. The University maintains a connection to alumni through the Alumni Association’s many programs and activities.

### Financial Aid (8,615 undergrads)

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<th># of Students</th>
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<td>Grants &amp; Scholarships**</td>
<td>3,455</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>$29,464,779</td>
<td>$8,528</td>
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<td>Pell Grants (Federal)</td>
<td>2,663</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>$11,172,784</td>
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**Grant or scholarship aid includes aid received, from the federal government, state or local government, the institution, and other sources known by the institution.

### Student Cost Per Year ( undergrad)

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<td>Tuition (more than 6 units)*</td>
<td>$5,472</td>
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<td>Campus-Based Fees</td>
<td>$1,858</td>
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<td>Room and Board**</td>
<td>$11,280-$14,688</td>
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<td>Books &amp; Supplies (estimate)</td>
<td>$1,764</td>
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<td>Personal (estimate)</td>
<td>$1,392</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$21,766-$25,174</td>
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*Non-California residents are required to pay an additional $372 per unit
**All first-year students are required to be on a meal plan
Green Music Center
The Donald and Maureen Green Music Center is a world-class performing arts complex, consisting of the 1,400-seat Weill Hall, the 250-seat Schroeder Hall, Music Education Hall, sprawling outdoor spaces and the fine dining Prelude restaurant.

Satellite Centers
SSU offers an upper-division program in Ukiah which leads to a B.A. degree in liberal studies, and a joint doctorate in education with UC Davis.

Preserves (4,160 Acres)
The SSU open space preserves are used for research and education. They include the Fairfield Osborn Preserve 15 minutes from campus (450 acres), Galbreath Wildlands Preserve in Mendocino County (3,670 acres) and Los Guificos Preserve in Santa Rosa (40 acres).

Undergraduate Degrees*

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Top 5 Majors:
1. Business Administration
2. Psychology
3. Sociology
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Gender
Men                        | 37.0 | 3,482 |
Women                      | 63.0 | 5,926 |

Ethnicity
American Indian/Alaskan Native | 0.5  | 47    |
Asian                       | 4.9  | 465   |
African American            | 2.2  | 206   |
Caucasian                   | 48.6 | 4,574 |
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander   | 0.2  | 19    |
Hispanic                    | 27.6 | 2,596 |
Two or More Ethnicities     | 6.6  | 623   |
Decline to State            | 7.3  | 688   |
Nonresident Aliens          | 2.0  | 190   |
Total                       |      | 9,408 |

Where From
California                 | 99.0 | 9,317 |
Out-of-State                | 0.7  | 62    |
International              | 0.3  | 29    |

Average Age
Undergraduate               | 22   |
Graduate                    | 33   |
All Students                | 23   |

*Data from 2014-2015

Accreditation
SSU is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. SSU is a member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, which ensures fine undergraduate liberal arts and sciences learning for students in the public systems of higher education.

School Colors
Dark blue, light blue and white

Intercollegiate Athletic Teams (Div. II)
Men: baseball, basketball, golf, soccer, tennis
Women: basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field, volleyball, water polo

Motto
"Lux Mentis, Lux Orbis"
(Light of the mind, Light of the world)

Facility
SSU is fully accredited by the Western Association of Accreditation

Campus Size
269 Acres

Affiliation
SSU is part of the California State University system, which is the largest system of higher education in the country granting baccalaureate and master’s degrees. The 23 campuses currently serve more than 470,000 students.

Mascot
The Seawolf

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Business & Economics | 21.6 | 413 |
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