Once you have decided to attend Sonoma State University, how do you make sure that you take full advantage of your University experience? Answer: Get involved!

At Sonoma State University, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life for all students. The University offers a wide range of student services and co-curricular programs and activities to support our goals of student satisfaction, retention, and graduation. We encourage you to become familiar with these services and programs that enrich your college experience. They are provided by the professional staff in the division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management includes the following units, all of which are committed to delivering high quality student services and student activities.

- Admissions
- Advising, Career, and EOP Services
- Associated Students, Inc.
- Center for Student Leadership, Involvement and Service
- Children’s School
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Disability Services for Students
- Educational Mentoring Teams
- Intercollegiate Athletics
- International Services
- Learning Skills Services
- New Student Orientation and Family Programs
- Residential Life
- SSU Writing Center
- Sonoma Student Union Corporation
- Student Conduct
- Student Health Center
- Student Records
- Testing Services
- Tutorial Center
- University Support and Preparation Services

Our goal is to provide students with the necessary academic support services and co-curricular programs and activities to ensure that time spent pursuing their educational objectives is both productive and satisfying. By providing timely, accurate, and consistent information and academic support services to students, the division contributes to the success of students in their pursuit of their educational, career, and life goals. By providing learner-centered and developmentally appropriate programs and activities, the division promotes student self-understanding, self-esteem, and self-motivation as well as the development of leadership skills, appreciation of human diversity, responsible and healthy behavior, and respect for others. To this end, the division provides a continuum of activities, programs, and services that begin before students enter the University and continue beyond graduation. Descriptions of the activities, services, and programs within Student Affairs and Enrollment Management follow.

### Admissions

Salazar Hall 2030  
(707) 664-2778  
http://www.sonoma.edu/ar/

### Student Outreach

Salazar Hall 1010  
664-3029  
http://www.sonoma.edu/ar/prospective/

Under the direction of the Office of Admissions, the Student Outreach Office provides several services to prospective students. The Student Outreach Office coordinates student recruitment, houses our campus tour programs, provides preadmissions information, operates the East Bay Initiative Program, and plans various campus events such as Seawolf Day, the North Bay College Fair, phone campaigns, and various counselor conferences.

### New Student Orientation Programs and Family Programs

Salazar Hall  
664-4464  
http://www.sonoma.edu/saem/orientation/

New students at Sonoma State University are urged to participate in a variety of orientation activities that introduce them to the many facets of campus and community life.

Sonoma Orientation provides the opportunity for first-time freshmen students to be advised before they register for classes. During Summer Orientation first-time freshmen will meet other new students, learn about campus life and services available to them, and interact with student leaders. Parents and family members are also invited to attend and become fully informed about Sonoma and its programs, policies, and services by participating in the Family Orientation Program that is held simultaneously with the student sessions. Summer Orientation programs are offered typically in June and early July.
Transfer Orientations are held each semester for our incoming transfer students. Transfer students have the opportunity to learn how their prior course work will lead to a degree from SSU, meet with a faculty advisor in their department, and learn about the registration process, as well as various campus services and programs.

Reentry Services
(707) 664-3029
Sonoma State University encourages all potential students in the pursuit of educational goals and personal and professional development. Mature learners who have been away from the academic environment for some time and wish to return to school should contact the Student Outreach Office, (707) 664-3029, for information about admissions criteria.

Advising Career and EOP (ACE) Services
Salazar Hall 1070
(707) 664-2427
www.sonoma.edu/sas/advising/

Mission Statement
Advising, Career, and EOP Services empower Sonoma State students to be architects of their own futures through educational, career, and life planning.

We provide:
• Academic advising for undeclared and undecided students;
• Guidance and resources to all students in the areas of career development and employment;
• Access and support services for first-generation low-income EOP students; and
• Administration and interpretation of standardized admission and placement tests.

We are committed to excellence in advising, teaching, and mentoring to address the needs of the whole student. We work in collaboration with the larger University community to provide an environment in which students are respected and diversity is valued.

Academic Advising for Undeclared Students
Undeclared students are assigned an advisor from the Advising Center. Advisors use an integrated advising and career development approach. Undeclared students are assisted in identifying appropriate general education and other coursework that will help in exploration and will meet their academic goals toward graduation. Undeclared students are encouraged to begin career development planning to identify areas of interests in order to declare a major by the end of their sophomore year.

Career Services
Salazar Hall 1070
(707) 664-2196
www.sonoma.edu/sas/crc/

Sonoma State University’s Career Services is an important link between the worlds of academia and the ever-changing environment of the work world. Career Services assists all SSU students in making informed decisions about their futures and graduating in a timely manner by providing comprehensive resources, programs, and advising on career development, job search, internships, and employment.

Career resources include assessment inventories, a career resource library, a broad array of online tools, and job listings for part-time, summer, and full-time jobs, and internships. Programs include workshops and panels, an annual career fair and a graduate school open house, classroom presentations, and on-campus recruiting. Career Services is committed to providing accurate and up-to-date resources for students, faculty, alumni, and staff.

Career Planning and Exploration
In addition to career advising and assessment inventories, a full range of tools is available for students to use independently. They include EUREKA, an interactive, computer-assisted career planning and exploration program, online self-directed career planning, and a course on career and life planning (UNIV 237). Publications and databases on career development, occupational information, job search strategies, employers, graduate schools, and study abroad are located in the Career Library.

Community Involvement Program
Sonoma State promotes community service as a relevant component of students’ academic studies. The Community Involvement Program (CIP) is designed to facilitate experiential learning and service to the community by providing a means for students to earn academic credit for their volunteer experiences. Students volunteer in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, environmental and recreation programs, group homes, day care centers, and senior centers. Students with declared majors can learn more about CIP in their departmental offices or on the Career Services website, and undeclared students can come to advising drop-ins for CIP information.

Internships
An internship is a pre-professional experience, designed in close consultation with a faculty advisor, that gives the student an opportunity to apply knowledge from the classroom in an employment setting consistent with the student’s chosen career field. Internships allow students to gain in-depth, practical work experience and academic credit simultaneously. Employers increasingly seek candidates with relevant work experience and often rely on internships as an important recruitment tool.

Students can work with the Internship Coordinator in their department. Internship opportunity listings are also available in Career Services and on the career website, where a fuller description of SSU internship policies can also be found. Faculty sponsors in each department handle internship supervision, evaluation, and credit granting.

Employment Services
Services are available to address the student’s complete range of employment needs, from part-time and seasonal jobs and internship
Career Services works with students and employers to maximize students’ success in locating employment and to satisfy employer demand for employees with up-to-date skills. We offer career advising, workshops, and class presentations on job search strategies, resume/cover letter writing, and interview preparation. Part-time and seasonal job listings are continually developed, and thousands of opportunities are posted to help students earn money to support themselves during their college years, build marketable skills, and make valuable career connections. Career Services also lists most on-campus student employment positions, including both student assistant and federal college work-study jobs.

Our annual career fair in spring semester brings employers to campus who are seeking students for part-time and summer jobs and internships as well as entry-level professional work.

**Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)**
(707) 664-2427  
www.sonoma.edu/sas/eop/

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is charged with improving access and retention of historically low-income and educationally disadvantaged students who have the potential to perform and succeed in the California State University. Beginning with students’ admission to the University, advisors provide academic, career, and transitional advising to EOP students. Advisors assist students with concerns regarding housing, financial aid, and balancing college with personal life demands while meeting graduation requirements. Both first-time freshmen and transfer applicants are considered for EOP. Students must file for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to be considered for EOP. Students who are admitted to EOP will be considered for an EOP Grant.

Students who wish to apply to the EOP can apply through CSU Mentor, http://www.csumentor.edu/. Check the EOP Interest on the Undergraduate Application and complete the EOP Application on the CSU Mentor website.

First-time freshmen who are admitted to EOP participate in the week long residential Summer Bridge Program and in the EOP Academy during their freshman year.

**EOP Summer Bridge Program**
The Summer Bridge Program at Sonoma is a one-week residential program during the summer designed to facilitate the successful transition of Educational Opportunity Program students to the University setting. This transition process is developmental in nature and includes personal, social, and educational areas. All incoming EOP first-time freshmen (FTF) attend Summer Bridge.

**Alcohol and Drug Education Program**
Stevenson Hall 1088  
(707) 664-2850  
http://www.sonoma.edu/saem/adep.shtml

The Alcohol and Drug Education Program (ADEP) at Sonoma State University is a program designed to promote the well-being of all members of our educational community by providing educational programs, educational interventions, and referral services for students, staff, and faculty. In addition, we are committed to creating an environment within SSU and the surrounding community that supports informed, lawful, and safe decision-making regarding alcohol and other drug use.

**Associated Students, Inc.**
Student Union Building  
(707) 664-2815  
www.sonoma.edu/AS

The Associated Students, Inc. (ASI), is a nonprofit corporation that serves to enrich the lives and education of Sonoma State University students. This mission is realized through two distinct roles. First, ASI promotes student interests through advocacy and representation. Second, as a corporation owned and governed by students for students, ASI supports and sponsors a variety of programs, services, clubs, and organizations. ASI encourages opportunities to enhance the development of students through leadership participation, community service, social interaction, and the development of individual attitudes and values.

ASI offers students the chance to represent fellow students and advocate for student interests at Sonoma State and statewide as ASI Executive Officers, as members of the ASI Board of Directors, and as Committee Representatives. All SSU students (excluding fee waiver students) are eligible to serve in these positions and students are elected or appointed to office for a one-year term. Student government allows students to develop leadership, decision-making, budget management, and policy-making skills. More than 200 students participate in our campus democracy.

The Associated Students, Inc., services for students include Transitional Housing, the Short-Term Loan program, supplemental health insurance, sports club insurance, and “banking services” for clubs. In addition, the Associated Students, Inc., partners with the Center for Student Leadership, Involvement and Services and the Sonoma Student Union Corporation to offer a variety of student activities.
Center for Student Leadership, Involvement and Service (CSLIS)
Student Union Building, 1st floor
(707) 664-4405
www.sonoma.edu/CampusLife/
ocl.student@sonoma.edu

Leadership Programs
CSLIS serves as the hub of leadership programs at SSU. Whether you’re a student new to campus or about to graduate, we offer a wide variety of leadership development programs serving all students at all levels. Activities range from off-campus weekend intensive leadership retreats to workshops and programs on various topics relating to personal growth and leadership development. Students who choose to enroll in UNIV 238 - Foundations of Leadership are encouraged to apply for a number of important student leadership positions, including Peer Mentors for the First Year Experience Teams, Orientation Leaders, Summer Bridge Leaders, and Community Service Advisers for the Residential Life Community. Additionally, CSLIS collaborates with other campus entities to support a wide range of programs and services both on-campus and in the community.

www.sonoma.edu/SAEM/leadership

Student Organizations
With over one hundred chartered student organizations, joining one is an excellent way to get involved, meet people, develop friendships, and gain leadership experience. Additionally, serving as an officer allows you to take your leadership skills to the next level. As a member or officer of a student organization, you’ll learn about organizational issues such as membership recruitment, fundraising, running effective meetings, managing conflicts, and program planning. The relationships and experiences you gain through your involvement in a student organization will have a lasting effect on your time at SSU and after graduation.

www.sonoma.edu/campuslife/clubs

Greek Life
What do all sororities and fraternities have in common? All chapters at Sonoma State (and internationally) share the common values of academic achievement, diversity, community service, and friendship, and provide a plethora of leadership opportunities for members. There are 13 Greek organizations on campus with a combined total membership of approximately 500 SSU students. Visit our website to learn more about the fraternities and sororities on campus and how to join. www.sonoma.edu/campuslife/greek

SAFE Peer Education
SAFE Peer Educators offer peer-to-peer education to the campus community on health and safety issues including responsible alcohol use, sexual assault prevention, and healthy sexuality/HIV/STI’s. SAFE Peer Educators facilitate classroom discussions and plan campus and community health-related special events including Alcohol Awareness Week, World AIDS Day, SAFE Spring Break, Take Back the Night, and Clothesline project.

Studies show that people are more likely to hear and understand messages that may change attitudes and behaviors if they believe the messenger is similar to them in lifestyle and faces the same concerns and pressures. In student groups, researchers found that they relied on their peers as their most important sources of information about many topics. To learn more about becoming a peer educator, contact SAFE at safe@sonoma.edu
www.sonoma.edu/campuslife/safe

The Children’s School
Child Care Center
(707) 664-2230
www.sonoma.edu/CS

The Children’s School is a program of the Associated Students, Inc. We provide high quality early childhood education services to children of SSU student, staff, and faculty families. Our NAEYC accredited developmental program for ages one through five years is steeped in active sensory experiences and grounded in environmental ethics. We operate as the Child Development Laboratory on campus and welcome students from many different disciplines to observe and learn from and about children. Our model school is staffed with Master Teachers who train our large SSU student staff in best practices and theory of Early Education.

Counseling and Psychological Services
Stevenson Hall 1088
(707) 664-2153
www.sonoma.edu/counselingctr

Brief counseling is provided to enrolled students who are experiencing personal difficulties that interfere with their ability to take full advantage of the University experience. Professional counselors and graduate interns provide individual, couples, and group counseling. Our goal is to facilitate the following: personal growth and self-esteem, development of satisfying relationships, effective communication and decision-making skills, and the establishment of personal values. Counselors assist clients to express and clarify their concerns and to identify specific changes that might be helpful to them. Interventions are aimed at increasing self-awareness, utilizing existing coping strategies more effectively, and developing additional skills to deal more successfully with problems.

Counseling and Psychological Services provides individual and group intervention for students experiencing issues related to substance use and abuse. This program, Seawolf Substance Intervention Program (S.S.I.P.), is designed specifically for SSU students.

The counseling staff offers groups and workshops on a variety of themes, such as substance abuse, conflict resolution, assertiveness training, eating issues, body image, test anxiety, procrastination, and men’s and women’s issues. Drop-in/crisis hours are available daily. Referrals are made to community agencies and private practitioners for students requiring specialized services. For information and appointments, call (707) 664-2153.
Disability Services for Students
Salazar Hall 1049
(707) 664-2677 (voice)
(707) 664-2958 (TDD/Text Telephone)
www.sonoma.edu/sas/dss

Disability Services for Students (DSS) ensures people with disabilities equitable opportunities for higher education and promotes the civil rights of students with disabilities. Students are challenged and supported in developing self-determination and independence as people with disabilities. DSS assists in educating the campus community about the rights of people with disabilities, as well as the contributions they make to the University. At the University, students with disabilities are considered underrepresented, educational equity students. DSS works within the University community, ensuring that it upholds its responsibilities to recognize and develop these students’ competencies.

Disability Services for Students offers a coordinated, wide-ranging program that reflects Sonoma State University’s emphasis on the autonomy and responsibility of the individual. DSS recognizes the growth-catalyzing power of disability and diversity and works closely with students in their development of self-advocacy skills.

Access will be different for each student, depending on the individual's needs. Disability Services for Students guides and encourages students to use University resources that will bring them success and independence.

An Accessible Learning Environment

Physical accessibility is important to SSU. The campus site is flat, making it easier to travel from one location to another. Campus compliance to current structural access laws is an ongoing consideration with Facilities Planning. Campus accessibility specifically includes curb cuts, ramps, elevators, water fountains, telephones, restrooms, and power doors.

Disability Services for Students coordinates auxiliary services to ensure that the University’s obligations to state and federal laws prohibiting disability discrimination are fulfilled.

Services

The goal of Disability Services for Students is to foster student development and to promote independence and self-advocacy by offering a supportive, yet non-intrusive style of service delivery. Disability management advisors are available for personal and academic advising. After a student registers with the program, services are available to any student with a disability, including physical, psychological, sensory, learning, and temporary. Students must come into the office to provide medical verification and to register for services. The University does not provide testing for disability verification.

Disability Services for Students maintains a team approach to providing services. Liaisons are established with key staff in other departments including the Library, Admissions and Records, Financial Aid Office, Residential Life, Learning Center, Academic Advising, Career Services, Educational Opportunity Program, Counseling and Psychological Services, and other programs.

A student club on campus, Disabled Students and Friends, meets as a support and advocacy organization on behalf of students with disabilities. Registered students with verified disabilities may be eligible for services from DSS such as:

Educational services

• Academic advising
• Goals clarification
• Consultation and advocacy

Classroom-access services

• Readers
• Notetakers
• Interpreters
• Testing arrangements

Support services

• Liaison with the state Department of Rehabilitation
• Disability management advising
• Assistive technology assistance and training
• Liaison with other campus departments and programs
• Campus orientation
• Individual accessibility needs
• Assistive Technology Lab
• Alternative media

Educational Mentoring Teams

The Educational Mentoring Team (EMT) program is an advising and college orientation program for incoming first-time freshmen. It represents a joint effort of the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs divisions aimed at enhancing retention of our freshmen. An EMT consists of a faculty member or a student services professional and a peer advisor. As students make the transition to Sonoma State, one of the most important roles the EMT plays is providing accurate advising to incoming students so they begin their educational career with appropriate coursework and educational and career planning.

Each EMT provides the instruction for a three-unit First Year Experience course and the academic advising for assigned freshmen. While the course is not required for graduation, most freshmen will benefit from understanding how to access the various resources on campus, such as the computer network and the Jean and Charles Schulz Information Center, as well as other topics such as:

• The meaning, value, and expectations of a liberal arts college education;
• Problem-solving and decision-making: selection of a college major and a future career choice;
• Navigating the University curriculum: how to graduate in four years;
The philosophy of the institution, and specifically the intercollegiate athletic program, is to provide a positive experience for student-athlete participation while achieving academic and competitive excellence in intercollegiate athletics. SSU teams have been extremely successful at all levels, capturing two national championships and 28 conference championships since 1990. Sixty-seven student-athletes have earned All-American status while competing for SSU.

Sonoma State University competes in the California Collegiate Athletic Association, the premier Division II conference in the nation with a combined 145 NCAA national championships since 1938. Since joining the conference in 1998, Sonoma State has enjoyed much success. The baseball team has captured four CCAA championships (1999, 2001, 2003, and 2007). Men’s and women’s soccer have posted multiple CCAA North Division championships, highlighted by the men’s soccer team winning the national championship in 2002 and their first CCAA Championship in 2005. Men’s basketball earned their first CCAA Championship in 2005, and women’s basketball has earned five NCAA post-season berths in the past ten years. Men’s golf competed in the NCAA National Championships in 2007, and Jarin Todd from men’s golf was named NCAA Division II Player of the Year.

The women’s cross country team finished ninth in the 2001 NCAA National Championships. Men’s and women’s tennis have participated in NCAA tournaments on a regular basis. CCAA member institutions include San Francisco State University, Cal State Chico, Cal State Stanislaus, Cal State Bakersfield, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal State San Bernardino, Cal Poly Pomona, UC San Diego, and Cal State Monterey Bay.

The athletic facilities and programs at Sonoma State University are expanding to provide students with many more opportunities to become physically active through individual and organized sports programs. The California State University is committed to providing equal opportunities to men and women students in all campus programs, including intercollegiate athletics.

**Director of Athletics - Bill Fusco**

Senior Woman Administrator – Yvonne Burbank

Faculty Athletic Representative – Dr. Duane Dove

Baseball - John Goelz, head coach

Basketball, men’s - Pat Fuscaldo, head coach

Basketball, women’s - Mark Rigby, head coach

Cross County, women’s – Mark James, head coach

Golf, men’s and women’s – Val Verhunce, head coach

Softball - Jaime Wallin, head coach

Soccer, men’s - Marcus Ziemer, head coach

Soccer, women’s - Luke Oberkirch, head coach

Tennis, men’s - Steve Cunningham, head coach

Tennis, women’s - Tracey Prince, head coach

Volleyball, women’s - Bear Grassl, head coach

Water Polo, women’s - Coralie Simmons, head coach

The SSU Office of International Services provides the SSU campus community with a variety of programs, services, and activities related to international education and exchange, including:

- Support services and social programming for matriculated international students in the University and in Sonoma State American Language Institute;
- Visa, legal status, and travel documentation services for nonimmigrant students, faculty, and research scholars;
- Support, advice, assistance, and management services for faculty-initiated international programs, and cooperative and exchange efforts with institutions of higher education abroad;
- Development, planning, and operation of study abroad programming for SSU, including the CSU International Programs; and
• Operation of the National Student Exchange.

See the Admissions section of this catalog for application and general information for international students.

**International Student Services**

The international student advisor provides comprehensive advising to Sonoma’s international student population including our F-1 and J-1 status students and scholars. As Primary Designated School Official, our advisor provides consultation and documentation and signs off on many immigration matters, including applications for special work permission, extensions of stay, change of visa status, maintenance of F or J status, passport and visa requirements, replacement of lost documents, travel documentation, transfer of schools, reinstatement for students who have fallen out of F-1 status, and the Practical Training benefit.

The International Services office also provides help understanding University policies such as the registration process, payment of fees, scholarships, orientation, housing, required health insurance, and submission of U.S. and California tax returns. Discussion or counseling are available regarding cultural adjustment to the United States, American academic differences, testing, and personal problems. The international student advisor works closely with the International Student Club, which provides a rich array of field trips and social engagements to help students round out their experience in the United States. There are just under 100 International Students at SSU and about 40 in our Language Program (see Sonoma State American Language Institute).

**Study Abroad Opportunities and the National Student Exchange**

Students who want to get the most from their Sonoma educational experience should try going away! Most people in the world follow the well-worn paths of life, but some students want to explore, and “push the envelope,” to excel, and to extract from their education every bit of opportunity. Study Abroad and National Student Exchange were created for these students.

**The California State University International Programs**

Developing intercultural communication skills and international understanding among its students is a vital mission of The California State University (CSU). Since its inception in 1963, the CSU International Programs has contributed to this effort by providing qualified students an affordable opportunity to continue their studies abroad for a full academic year. More than 15,000 CSU students have taken advantage of this unique study option.

International Programs participants earn resident academic credit at their CSU campuses while they pursue full-time study at a host university or special study center abroad. The International Programs serves the needs of students in more than 100 designated academic majors. Affiliated with more than 70 recognized universities and institutions of higher education in 20 countries, the International Programs also offers a wide selection of study locales and learning environments.

**Australia**
Griffith University
Macquarie University
Queensland University of Technology
University of Queensland
University of Western Sydney
Victoria University

**Canada**

The Universities of the Province of Quebec including:
Bishop’s University
Concordia University
McGill University
Université Laval
Université de Montréal
Université du Quebec system

**Chile**
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Santiago)

**China**
Peking University (Beijing)
Shanghai Jiao Tong University (Shanghai)

**Denmark**

Denmark’s International Study Program (the international education affiliate of the University of Copenhagen)

**France**

Institut des Etudes Françaises pour Étudiants Étrangers,
L’Académie d’Aix-Marseille (Aix-en-Provence)
Universités de Paris III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, the Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations, Université Evry.

**Germany**

University of Tübingen and a number of institutions of higher education in the Federal state of Baden-Württemberg

**Ghana**
University of Ghana (Legon)

**Israel**
Tel Aviv University
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
University of Haifa

**Italy**

CSU Study Center (Florence)
Università degli Studi di Firenze
La Accademia di Belle Arti Firenze

**Japan**

Waseda University (Tokyo)
Additional information and application materials may be obtained on campus, or by writing to The California State University International Programs, 401 Golden Shore, Sixth Floor, Long Beach, California 90802-4210. Visit us on the World Wide Web at www.gateway.calstate.edu/csuienet/.

Non-CSU Study Abroad
International Services will also provide assistance to students who wish to participate in a program or attend an institution which is not a partner in the CSU International Programs.

The National Student Exchange
The National Student Exchange is a program that provides opportunities to study through exchange in the United States and Canada.

Many opportunities will be available to you when accessing courses and programs from NSE’s 182 member campuses. Think of the adventure, the diversity of people, the culture, and the geography among the 49 states, District of Columbia, 3 territories, and 4 Canadian provinces where NSE has member colleges and universities. Consider the impact this program can have on your personal and academic growth, as well as the implications for your future.

Semester and academic year exchanges are available for sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have and maintain a 2.50 grade point average. Academic courses completed as a National Student Exchange participant are considered in residence units at Sonoma State, and participants do not have to pay out-of-state non-resident fees at the host university.

Further information and application materials may be obtained in the Office of International Services.

Residential Life
Chateau Building
(707) 664-4033
www.sonoma.edu/sas/reslife/about.shtm

The campus Residential Community provides comfortable, convenient, personalized living accommodations for approximately 2,650 single students. The residential life program is designed to be an important part of the student’s overall educational experience by providing recreational, social, and educational opportunities. The professional Residential Life staff are trained as educational mentors and academic advisors.

The professional and student staff within the Residential Community provide personal support for the individual student in transitioning to the University environment. There is a diverse program of activities to create a sense of belonging in the Residential Community and the University by providing and supporting social, recreational, athletic, and cultural programming. These may include a trip to see a theatre production in San Francisco, hear Maya Angelou speak, whale watch at the ocean, play on an intramural team, or barbecue with neighbors.

The Residential Student Association (RSA), the student government for residents, is an outstanding opportunity to develop leadership skills. RSA is responsible for representing resident concerns to the University administration as well as planning major program
events within the residential community. Village Councils also provide opportunities for leadership and involvement in the residential community for even our newest students. Our Residential Life student groups are involved in regional and national organizations, enabling students to expand their skills and abilities.

Special living options enhance the student's University experience. Freshman Interest Groups (FIGS), Women in Math and Science House, International House, Upper-Division, and Substance-Free Living Environments are among the current options.

**Sonoma Student Union Corporation**

Student Union  
(707) 664-2382  
www.sonoma.edu/union

The Sonoma Student Union Corporation is one of several entities in the division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. The SSUC is comprised of three departments that serve students: Campus Recreation; the Center for Culture, Gender and Sexuality; and the Student Union. Each department is led by a staff of student affairs and recreation professionals. One hundred fifty students are employed each year in the variety of SSUC programs, services, and facilities. The SSUC is funded by the semesterly, mandatory Student Union Fee as well as income from programs and services. The SSUC is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

**Missions of the SSUC Departments**

**Campus Recreation:** Campus Recreation encourages healthy and active lifestyles, promotes student development through extracurricular activities, and pioneers a vision for a sustainable society.

**Center for Culture, Gender Sexuality:** CCGS fosters a campus environment of mutual respect and appreciation. CCGS provides forums for the campus and surrounding community to advance their understanding of social justice issues and their intimate complexities.

**Sonoma Student Union:** The Student Union is a “community living room” of the university nurturing campus life through event production, services, facilities, conveniences, and amenities. The Student Union facilitates collegiality and community life, valuing everyone as “Family.”

**Student Conduct**

Salazar Hall 1018  
(707) 664-2838  
http://www.sonoma.edu/saem/judicial.shtml

The President of the University has authority in disciplinary actions. In compliance with CSU Executive Order 970 the President may assign a campus official or officials to be the Student Conduct Administrator, whose responsibility is to determine whether to initiate disciplinary action under the Student Conduct Code. The Director of Judicial Affairs and Special Projects is the designated Student Conduct Administrator for this University.

The University is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy living and learning environment for its students, faculty, staff, and the greater campus community. Each member of the campus community has an obligation to engage in behaviors that contribute toward these common goals. Every member of this living and learning community must assume responsibility for becoming educated about the policies, procedures, and standards followed at this institution.

Students will be held accountable for their actions when their behavior goes beyond what the Sonoma State University community considers to be reasonable and responsible. Students referred to the Student Conduct Administrator will participate in a disciplinary process which emphasizes education, tolerance, integrity, and respect.

**Student Health Center**

Student Health Center Building  
(707) 664-2921  
www.sonoma.edu/shc/

Accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Healthcare, Inc.

Sonoma State University maintains a nationally accredited, on-campus Student Health Center (SHC) that provides outpatient primary medical care as well as public health services for regularly enrolled SSU students. The Student Health Center is located along West Redwood Circle, just north of the Schultz Information Center and East of the Zinfandel dining area of the Residence Halls. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F, excluding campus closures and holidays. A limited extended-hours clinic is currently held until 5:30 p.m. on Mondays when academic year classes are in session.

**Staffing:** The Student Health Center’s professional staff includes board certified physicians as well as nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, lab technologist, and X-ray technologist.

**Services:** The SHC provides quality outpatient medical care for acute illnesses, injuries, and basic mental health concerns. Pharmacy, lab, x-ray, travel and athletic medicine, and preventative medical services such as immunizations, Pap smears, contraception, and health education are also provided. While interim and transitional care is offered for medical stabilization and support purposes, continuing comprehensive care is not provided for chronic or complex conditions that require hospitalization, after hours monitoring, the attention of a medical specialist, or similar interventions that are beyond the scope, or hours of operation of the Student Health Center. Most SHC medical visits are available at no additional charge to enrolled SSU students. Nominal discounted user fees are in place to cover the acquisition cost of medications, vaccines, specialized diagnostic tests, and certain other supplemental medical supplies. Nominal fees are also charged for pre-employment and pre-participation physicals and for summer services (if a continuing student services is not registered in summer session).
Regularly enrolled SSU students who have paid SSU campus registration fees may receive basic medical visit services at other California State University Student Health Centers without additional charge during their regular academic enrollment and during the summer, according to continuing student fees in place at the campus where they are seeking services.

Insurance is not required to use the Student Health Center. However, health insurance is recommended, because students are financially responsible for medical services they receive outside the SHC. A private insurance carrier that contracts directly with registered CSU students offers a moderately priced supplemental health insurance policy designed to complement SHC services by covering necessary off-campus, after-hours, and out-of-area health care. Contact the SSU Associated Students Office (707 664-2815) or check www.csuhealthlink.com for information.

Confidentiality: SHC medical records and related information are confidential and are held in a manner consistent with state and federal law as well as national accreditation standards. Parents, family members, University personnel, and other individuals who are not the healthcare providers and SHC support staff directly involved in the student’s medical care do not have access to SHC medical information without the patient’s consent.

Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC): Opportunities for student involvement and advocacy relevant to campus health issues are available through the (SHAC) and health promotion projects. Those interested in serving on SHAC are encouraged to contact the Student Health Center. Those interested in health promotion projects should contact the SHC health educator.

Testing Services

Salazar Hall 1070
(707) 664-2947
http://www.sonoma.edu/sas/testing/

Testing Services provides a variety of services to the campus community designed to assist students in their admission, placement, and graduation requirements. Tests are offered on a regularly scheduled basis. An annual test calendar is included online in the Schedule of Classes and in the Testing Office. Students must pre-register for all tests. For information on all tests offered at SSU, view our website at http://www.sonoma.edu/sas/testing/.

Disabled students who require special arrangements should contact Disability Resources at (707) 664-2677 or (TDD) (707) 664-2958 at least one month prior to the test date.

The following are regularly offered through Testing Services:

Undergraduate candidates for admission

- ACT-Residual (SSU only)

Placement tests

- CSU English Placement Test (EPT)
- CSU Entry-Level Math Test (ELM)

Graduate school candidates

- Graduate Record Exam (GRE), Subject Tests only
- Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)

Credential candidates should contact either the Credentials Office, at (707) 664-2832, or the Recruitment and Information Specialist, at (707) 664-2593, for test requirements.

Students interested in graduate work at Sonoma State University must check with their department about specific testing requirements.

University Support and Preparation Services

University Support Services (707) 664-2698
Preparation Services (707) 664-2428
http://www.sonoma.edu/saem/sps

Departmental Mission

The mission of University Support and Preparation Services at Sonoma State University is to empower students to access and succeed in higher education by providing a spectrum of services that promote academic, social, and personal success. The various programs assist University and pre-college students in achieving and maintaining academic excellence, facilitate college and career planning, and conduct academic advising. Some programs offer supplemental instruction, grant aid, tutoring, summer camps, activities, field trips, and college tours. Eligibility varies by program; please call individual offices for information. All programs are free of charge for eligible participants.

Learning Skills Services

(707) 664-2698
www.sonoma.edu/lss

Learning Skills Services (LSS) provides tutoring, counseling, mentoring, supplemental instruction, and remedial courses for 350 eligible low-income, first-generation and disabled University students. LSS also includes a Grant Aid component providing supplemental grant funding for eligible students as well as graduate school preparation services and a laptop loan program. LSS is a TRIO Student Support Services federally funded project. LSS is located in Salazar 1040.

National Graduate School Achievement Program (NoGAP)

(707) 664-2698

The NoGAP Program assists undergraduate students in preparing for graduate school with the intent of pursuing doctoral studies. Eligibility is based on a variety of factors and activities include research projects, mentoring, internships, tutoring, advising, symposium attendance and GRE preparation workshops. The NoGAP program is a federally funded TRIO McNair Scholars project and is located in Salazar 1040.
SSU Tutorial Center
(707) 664-2429
www.sonoma.edu/sas/tutorial

The Tutorial Center provides peer-tutoring services to all enrolled SSU students free of charge. Tutoring is by appointment and is available in selected subjects; please call for availability and appointments. In some cases, SSU faculty enhance this service by organizing small group workshops or study groups led by a Tutor attached to certain courses. The SSU Tutorial Center receives supplemental funding from the Associated Students and is located in Salazar 1040.

CSU Early Assessment Program
(707) 664-4351

All 11th-grade students in the state of California can now take the California Standards Test in mathematics and English and, upon completing additional questions and meeting a satisfactory score, will be exempt from taking college placement exams (ELM/EPT) at each CSU campus throughout California. Students are notified of their readiness for college and directed to resources to assist in college preparation. Teacher in-service training is also available. Superintendents, Principals, Counselors, Testing Coordinators, and parents wishing additional information are encouraged to contact the Early Assessment Program (EAP) or visit the website at www.calstate.edu/eap. EAP is located in Building 49.

Academic Talent Search Program
(707) 664-3122

Academic Talent Search (ATS) is designed for 6th-12th grade Sonoma County students with academic potential. ATS outreach staff and instructors provide 700 eligible program participants with field trips, college campus tours, workshops, and information about college placement and financial aid. Program participants are low-income and/or potential first-generation college students. ATS is a federally funded program and is located in Building 49.

Upward Bound Programs
(707) 664-4073 Upward Bound Sonoma
(707) 664-3017 Upward Bound North
(707) 994-6471 Upward Bound Lake
(707) 664-4073 Upward Bound Math & Science

The Upward Bound programs are designed for low-income and/or first-generation potential college students attending targeted high schools in Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, and Lake Counties. All Upward Bound students attend an academic year program and a Summer Academy program that emphasizes both academic and motivational skills development. Students also participate in career development, college placement, and tutorial services. The Upward Bound programs are federally funded and are located in Building 49.

Writing Center
Schulz Information Center 1103
(707) 664-4401
www.sonoma.edu/programs/writingcenter

The Writing Center offers assistance in writing-related issues to all members of the SSU community, with the primary goal of helping students improve as academic writers. Students can request tutoring help for any writing task at any point in the writing process, from generating ideas to editing for correctness. In addition to one-on-one and group tutorials, the Center offers online services available through our website.

The center also offers in-class workshops for students on writing-related issues and consultations for instructors and academic units on improving writing across the curriculum.

Call or come to the Center to make tutoring appointments or to talk with the director about other services.