
Special Programs and Services

Associated Students of San Diego State University

The Associated Students of San Diego State University (A.S.) is a unique, full-service organization. The A.S. provides a variety of programs, services, and activities for SDSU students as well as faculty, staff, alumni, and the public. Directed by elected student executives, the Associated Students is an independent, not-for-profit corporation. Associated Students is funded by the student activities fee and revenues collected from programs and services. Associated Students on the Imperial Valley Campus can be reached by calling (760) 768-5621, or on the Web site at as.sdsu.edu.

Student government elections held each year allow for the selection of individuals to fill one-year terms on the council. Meetings of the A.S. council are weekly, open sessions. Other student government activities include working with student clubs; monitoring academic policies, programs, and services; appointments to educational or campus-related committees; lobbying to provide student input to city, county, state and federal governments; and representing SDSU's interests with the California State Student Association.

Student Union

The Student Union is operated and maintained by the Associated Students (A.S.) from a portion of the Student Activity Fee. It provides a place where students can relax, watch TV, enjoy refreshments from the vending machines or enjoy the perennial pot of A.S. coffee. The grounds of the Student Union are used for Carne Asadas and other social functions. The A.S. Council office and conference room is located here. For more information, call (760) 768-5621.

Institute for Agribusiness Entrepreneurship (IAE)

Providing entrepreneurial development, training and data, the Institute for Agribusiness Entrepreneurship will furnish agribusiness executives with the information and resources needed to make proper business decisions. The Institute will be especially helpful to small- and medium-sized companies by encouraging entrepreneurial activities. The activities of the IAE will include: outreach and training for business leaders, sponsoring special studies and practical research on the agricultural sector, data collection and dissemination for both

the Imperial Valley region, as well as potential markets, seminars and conferences on new technologies and the economics of agribusiness; and maintaining a directory of existing agribusiness firms.

The Institute will be a needed resource for the Imperial Valley as it plans future economic development and smart growth by providing technical and leadership training to community members and business leaders to enhance their interest in further developing agribusiness in the region.

California Center for Border and Regional Economic Studies (CCBRES)

The California Center for Border and Regional Economic Studies (CCBRES) specializes in research and database development in the two areas of U.S.-Mexican trade relations and the Imperial Valley. The Center collects and compiles statistics on trade between California and Mexico, encourages research in this area, publishes a monthly bulletin of in-house and sponsored analyses of the issues involved in bilateral trade. CCBRES also hosts conferences and workshops on border issues, ranging from trade and economics to environmental and educational issues. The Center's goal is to become a national resource center for California-Mexican trade relations.

As related to the economic situation in the Imperial Valley, CCBRES has developed and is maintaining a current economic profile of the Imperial Valley. The data includes economic indicators such as demographic information, quality of life, labor and agricultural statistics, and macro economic indicators. The Center is providing the community with tools to plan for the future of this binational region.

The Imperial Valley Campus has been designated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as one of eight national centers of excellence in the United States.

Faculty/Student Mentoring Program

The Faculty/Student Mentoring Program helps students in all academic disciplines deal with a wide range of academic and personal difficulties encountered in the course of their education at SDSU. The program seeks to strengthen and sustain students in their educational and career goals and help make college a rewarding experience. For more information, call (760) 768-5572.

International Programs

Students at the SDSU-Imperial Valley Campus can enhance their education and cultural awareness by taking part in several of the many opportunities available to study abroad. The campus has active exchange agreements with universities in Argentina, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, México, Morocco, Paraguay, and Turkey. Several other agreements are in process of negotiation with different academic institutions around the world, including England and Spain.

In addition to IVC's international programs, students may participate in any international programs at SDSU, including the California State University International Programs; the SDSU spring semester programs in London, Paris, and Spain; or the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Consortia. For more information, call (760) 768-5505 or visit the International Programs Office located in Student Affairs.

California Desert Farming Institute

The California Desert Farming Institute at the Imperial Valley Campus of San Diego State University has two distinct components. First, a research unit will explore desert farming and its potential for improving the competitiveness of California and U.S. agriculture. A second unit of the Institute is the Center for the Study of International Trade in Agriculture, with the objective of studying international trade in agriculture and making the results available to California farmers.

Center for International Environmental Studies

The Center for International Environmental Studies is a significant addition to the educational landscape of desert Southern California. It is a home for researchers interested in a greater understanding of environmental management issues with a uniquely international and binational focus. The Center meets an important gap in the environment-related educational opportunities in the country.

As the Center develops, it plans to propose a Master of Science in International Environmental Management. When this program is developed, it will provide the United States-Mexico region, the State of California, and the nation with culturally sensitive professionals who have sound training in resource and environmental management in order to meet the challenges and opportunities of addressing environmental issues, managing economic development and participating in global trade in the years ahead.

Learning Center

Located at the rear of the Library, the Learning Center offers tutoring in math and writing. Staffed by both student and faculty tutors, the Center offers both individual tutoring and workshops to prepare for taking tests such as the CBEST and the math competency test. Sign up for an appointment on the board outside the Center's door, or see if a tutor is available on a walk-in basis. Call the Center at (760) 786-5572.

Aztec Shops, Ltd.

(Campus Store)

Aztec Shops, Ltd., is a non-profit auxiliary that was established to serve the San Diego State University community in 1931. It operates on-campus services such as the SDSU Bookstore and food service operations. It is governed by a Board of Directors composed of faculty, students, and staff of SDSU. Aztec Shops is not funded by the State of California or the University.

The Bookstore provides required textbooks, assigned class materials, reference works, school supplies, computer supplies, software and hardware, and SDSU items.

Aztec Shops is dedicated to providing quality services to the campus community. For more information, call (760) 768-5574.

Alumni Chapter

In Spring 2000, the San Diego State University – Imperial Valley Campus Alumni Chapter was formerly recognized. Its purpose is to advance and establish a mutually beneficial relationship between the University, alumni, and friends and to provide an avenue for alumni to continue their connection with the University through the SDSU Alumni Association (SDSUAA). The SDSU-IVC Alumni Chapter engages their members in sharing and participating in the intellectual and cultural life, as well as social and networking opportunities to enhance professional development. The SDSUAA provides not only the guidance and support to help recognized chapters reach their goals and objectives but also the link for alumni to stay connected to the University.

All graduates, friends, and faculty of the University are eligible for membership. For further information on membership in the SDSU-IVC Alumni Chapter, please call John Renison, Director of Advancement, (760) 768-5569.

Region VI Mini-Corps

The Imperial Valley Campus of San Diego State University is one of several campuses in the CSU system that participates in the Region VI Mini-Corps Program. This program is a unique effort to educate the children of migratory farmworkers. Undergraduate and graduate college students with bilingual ability and a migrant background who desire to become teachers serve as instructional assistants with area teachers of migrant children to promote the attainment of the California content and performance standards. For more information, call Susie Medina, Mini-Corps Program Coordinator at (760) 312-6450.

Veterans Affairs

Students who are eligible for veterans', dependents', or reservists' V.A. education benefits should visit SDSU-Imperial Valley Campus, Veterans Affairs Office (VAO). Services available through the VAO include assistance in applying for education benefits, coordinating the V.A. work/study program, and processing tutorial assistance paperwork.

Students planning to attend SDSU should contact the Veterans Affairs Office two months before the beginning of their first semester to be advised on how to file for benefits. For additional information about the VAO or the services provided, please telephone (760) 768-5507, or visit the office located in Student Affairs.

