Sacramento State offers students extensive research and internship opportunities in the heart of state government, including the nationally recognized Capital Fellows program. The campus has the state’s largest cooperative education program, placing students from all majors in paid positions where they receive academic credit. In 2000 and 2004, the campus was the site for the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials, drawing hundreds of thousands of spectators.

Sacramento State—Serving the Sacramento Valley

Sacramento State serves more than 28,000 students and graduates more than 5,000 into the workforce each year.

High Magnitude Economic Impact

Sacramento State’s annual impact on the Sacramento Valley region is enormous:

- Annual spending related to Sacramento State in the Sacramento Valley region ($534 million) generates a total impact of more than $930 million on the regional economy.
- This impact sustains more than 16,000 jobs in the region, and generates nearly $52 million per year in tax revenue.
- Even greater—nearly $2 billion of the earnings by alumni from Sacramento State are attributable to their CSU degrees.

Sacramento State’s Annual Spending • $534 Million

- Out-of-Region Student Spending
- Auxiliary (bookstore, food services)
- Capital (construction, improvements)
- Operations (salaries, services)

The CSU divides its 23 campuses statewide into eight geographic regions whose areas share a common economic base. Sacramento State and CSU Chico comprise the Sacramento Valley region (number 2 on the map).
Sacramento State improves California’s economy with research, education, and an entrepreneurial spirit.

- Sacramento State has the largest cooperative education program in the state, providing students from all majors the chance to earn academic credit while getting practical experience in their fields. The program includes a “virtual co-op,” in which teams of students are paid by technology-related companies to work from campus facilities.

- Statewide, the CSU produces 89 percent of the total graduates in criminal justice-related disciplines. Sacramento State’s criminal justice program is one of the largest in any North American university.

- The CSU helps communities understand their economies, population trends, industries and social issues. Sacramento State has established numerous institutes for these purposes, including The Center for California Studies, the Sacramento Regional Research Institute, The Center for Collaborative Policy and the Institute for Social Research.

Sacramento State improves life in the Sacramento Valley region through community service, arts, culture, and sports.

- About 36 percent of the students at Sacramento State volunteer through service learning, giving more than 2 million hours of their time each year. For example, Barrio Arts is a program that offers art classes for children and seniors at Sacramento’s Washington Neighborhood Center. Students gain experience as teachers through this program.

- Cultural programs at the CSU serve diverse audiences, interests and experiences. One example is arts education for high school students. Sacramento State’s Lenaea Festival is one of the largest high school drama festivals in the nation, with more than 1,000 students participating each year.

- Sacramento State is one of the centers of track and field in the nation. The campus hosted 172,000 people at the 2004 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials, and previously hosted the event in 2000. The campus also has been selected to host the next three NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships.

“The CSUS classes in philosophy, history and political science will always be with me; and what I learned helps guide my life and my business decisions.”

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