

San Diego State

[It's actually California State University, San Diego, now, but it will always be Sand Diego State to me]

San Diego State is the oldest and largest higher education institution in the San Diego region. Since it was founded in 1897, the university has grown to become a nationally ranked research university. Each year, SDSU provides more than 35,000 students with higher education.

Founded March 13, 1897, San Diego State began as the San Diego Normal School, a training facility for elementary school teachers. Seven faculty and 91 students met in temporary quarters over a downtown drugstore before moving to a newly constructed 17-acre campus on Park Boulevard. By the 1920s, San Diego State was already beginning to outgrow its Park Boulevard location, and in 1931, students, faculty and staff moved into seven Mission-style buildings surrounding a common area still known as the Main Quad. Four years later, the Legislature authorized expansion of degree programs beyond teacher education, and San Diego State Teachers College became San Diego State College.

Renowned for its academic excellence, the university is home to top-ranking programs in education, international business, social work, speech-language pathology, biology and public administration. Overall, San Diego State students can choose from 85 undergraduate majors, 75 master's programs and 14 joint doctoral degree programs and two independent doctoral degree programs.

SDSU produces thousands of graduates each year, 60 percent of whom stay in San Diego to pursue their careers. Future campus improvements include the renovation of Nasitir and Storm Halls, expansion of the International Student Center and construction of a new student union building, providing for 3,000 additional students. [<http://www.sdsu.edu/campusinfo/history.html>]

