

## Academic Year 2026-2027 Fact Sheet



[International Student and Scholar Services](#)

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International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)	International students are supported by the ISSS office which cultivates a supportive and inclusive community by centralizing immigration advising and resources and co-curricular support for F-1 and J-1 international students and scholars. The office is committed to the success and well-being of SJSU's international community and strives to enhance the student and scholar educational and social experiences throughout their time at SJSU and beyond.  <a href="#">*ISSS Home</a> <a href="#">*Meet the Team</a> <a href="#">*Exchange Student Information</a>
Studying at San José State University	San José State University is your connection to a dynamic community focused on helping shape your future. The university is expanding the ways they provide high-quality education, create unique research and hands-on experiences, and immerse students in our community.  <a href="#">*Why SJSU</a> <a href="#">*Choose SJSU</a>
Allowable Options for Exchange	One semester: Fall (August) or Spring (January) One Academic Year: Fall and Spring; Spring and Fall <i>*If Spring and Fall - summer on-campus housing and summer courses are not available.</i>

<p>Dates for Academic Year 2026-2027</p>	<p><u>Fall semester 2026</u>: Aug. 19, 2026 - Dec. 16, 2026. Exams from Dec 9-16, 2026.</p> <p><u>Spring semester 2027</u>: Jan. 27, 2027 - May 26, 2027. Exams from May 19-26, 2027</p> <p>*Dates are subject to change</p> <p><a href="#">Full Academic Calendar</a></p> <p>*Mandatory ISSS Orientation Program occurs 2-3 days before the first day of instruction for the semester. The date of the required Orientation Program will be included in acceptance letters. Incoming exchange students will need to arrive in time for this program, and also to remain on campus through the last day of final exams.</p>
<p>Student Eligibility for Bilateral Exchange Nomination</p>	<p>Nominated students must meet all of the requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In good academic standing (Undergraduate students: 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale); (Graduate students: 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale);</li> <li>2. Will continue degree program at partner university, after exchange at SJSU;</li> <li>3. English Language Proficiency (Non-Native English speakers).</li> </ol> <p><b>*We cannot take nominations for exchange students in these impacted majors.</b> <u>Impacted majors at SJSU are:</u> Animation and Illustration, Biological Sciences - Marine Biology, Computer Science, Computer Science and Linguistics, Data Science, Engineering (Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Software Engineering), Graphic Design, Information Science and Data Analytics, Nursing.</p>
<p>Nomination Deadlines</p>	<p>Fall semester/Academic Year: <b>February 15th</b></p> <p>Spring semester: <b>September 15th</b></p> <p>All nominations must be sent to International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS via google survey by the Outbound Exchange Coordinator at the partner university.</p> <p>*We will email the google survey to partner institutions 2 months prior to the nomination period.</p>

Exchange Application Deadlines	<p>Fall semester/Academic Year: <b>March 15th</b>  Spring semester: <b>September 30th</b>  SJSU Bilateral Exchange Application and supporting documents must be submitted by the deadline. ISSS will email nominated students the exchange application link.  *Applications received after these deadlines may not be accepted.</p>
Documents Needed to Apply - Exchange Application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SJSU Bilateral Exchange Application e-form;</li> <li>2. Copy of valid signed passport;</li> <li>3. Official transcripts from home university;</li> <li>4. Study Proposal;</li> <li>5. Statement of Purpose (1-2 paragraphs in English);</li> <li>6. TOEFL, IELTS, PTE or Duolingo score (non-native English speakers).</li> </ol> <p>**Information will be sent to nominated students with instructions to access the Exchange Application.</p>
Intended Major for Exchange	<p>Nominated students will need to submit their intended major during their exchange program on the exchange application. They will need to look at the list of <a href="#">Undergraduate majors</a>.  <b>*Exchange students are not eligible to select these majors.</b>  <u>Impacted majors at SJSU are:</u> Animation and Illustration, Biological Sciences - Marine Biology, Computer Science, Computer Science and Linguistics, Data Science, Engineering (Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Software Engineering), Graphic Design, Information Science and Data Analytics, Nursing.</p>
DS-2019 Request - If Admitted for Exchange	<p>Since exchange students will be coming to the United States on a J-1 visa, admitted exchange students will also be required to submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DS-2019 Request;</li> <li>● Documentation of Financial Support.</li> </ul> <p>*Students will be required to show funding for their exchange program, which is not covered by the tuition waiver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fall 2026 or Spring 2027 Academic Semester: \$14,370</li> <li>● Fall 2026 &amp; Spring 2027 Academic Year: \$28,740</li> </ul> <p>**Information will be sent to admitted students with links to the DS-2019 request.</p>

Health Insurance	All J-1 exchange students are required to purchase the SJSU approved University health insurance plan through United HealthCare Student Resources. More information about health insurance will be sent to admitted students.
Internships and Employment	<p>Under SJSU's J-1 Exchange Visitor student visa program, J-1 students may be authorized to work up to 20 hours a week on-campus during their exchange program at SJSU (<a href="#">on-campus employment</a>). Full-time immediately after their exchange program ends off-campus, for a period not to exceed the length of their exchange program (<a href="#">Academic Training</a>).</p> <p>On-campus employment is an employment benefit for students in J-1 visa status. Students need work authorization from ISSS before they start working. More information will be given to students at the ISSS Orientation Program.</p> <p>Academic Training is an employment authorization directly related to an exchange student's program of study while on exchange at SJSU. To qualify, the student must be in good academic standing, maintain full-time enrollment and have a job offer. Students interested in Academic Training should see a J-1 advisor for more information about employment authorizations, after their arrival at SJSU.</p>
Academics	<p>With a breadth of academic programs, research and applied learning, San José State is perfectly positioned to examine essential questions facing our community and our world. Growing San José State's research and innovation environment allows the university to adapt to and set the pace of change. <a href="#">SJSU Academics</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Current Course Catalog</a> Courses can be found by department via the department hyperlink, or students can browse through the whole catalog. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please note that not all of the courses are offered year- round. If you or your students are unsure about a specific course, please feel free to email our office at <a href="mailto:j1-visa@sjsu.edu">j1-visa@sjsu.edu</a> SJSU courses fill up extremely quickly and it is highly recommended that students register as soon as their registration date and time begins.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <a href="#">Colleges and Departments</a></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Class Schedules</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Registrar</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Academic Calendar</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library</a></li> </ul>
Student Housing	<p>Housing options at SJSU as follows:  <a href="#">University Housing Services</a> Dormitories: (Campus Village (A), Campus Village B (CVB), Campus Village C (CVC), Joe West and Spartan Village on the Paseo (SPV). <a href="#">International House</a>  <a href="#">Off-Campus Housing Resources</a> include: 27 North, The Grad and Sparta505.</p> <p>*Students are responsible for securing their own housing. ISSS will send more details to admitted exchange students about housing. ISSS can only advise on options, but cannot secure housing on behalf of students. Students are encouraged to apply early for housing, once the information is released to them.</p> <p>**Some on-campus housing options require students to have a meal plan.</p>
Student Life	<p>San José State University has a vibrant student life since student enrollment tops nearly 40,000 students. International student enrollment is 3,500 with students from over 100 countries. Opportunities are available for students to get involved in activities and events that are sponsored by the University.</p> <p><a href="#">ISSS Events for international students</a>  <a href="#">Student Involvement</a></p>
Living in San José, California	<p>San José State University is located in one of the largest cities in the United States - San José, California. The heart of Silicon Valley, which is known for its global technology and innovation, provides a unique opportunity for students to learn and engage, in and outside of the classroom. Close proximity to San Francisco, Santa Cruz, and Monterey/Carmel, provides an opportunity for students to explore the beauty and diversity of Northern California.</p> <p>*<a href="#">SJSU Loves SJ: Connecting our Communities</a></p>

Airport Information	Norman Y. Mineta Memorial San José Airport (SJC) - 3 miles San Francisco International Airport (SFO) - 40 miles Oakland International Airport (OAK) - 40 miles *Students are responsible for transportation to and from the airport. SJSU recommends that you fly into SJC.
Transportation	<a href="#">Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (San José Buses and Light Rail) Bay Area Trains</a> <a href="#">Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)</a>