

# CAMPUS OVERVIEW

De Anza College opened in 1967 as the second college in the Foothill-De Anza Community College District. One of 110 community colleges in California, De Anza has gained a national reputation for its responsiveness to community needs, including those of students with physical and learning disabilities, ethnically and culturally diverse backgrounds, older populations and re-entry students.

Located 45 miles south of San Francisco, De Anza occupies a 112-acre site in Cupertino in the heart of Silicon Valley. The college is one of the largest single-campus community colleges in the country, with enrollment averaging 24,000 students. The De Anza student body is as richly diverse as the college's course offerings and extracurricular activities. Most students are from the Silicon Valley region; others represent more than 50 nations. The college is known for its dynamic student activities program, which features successful intercollegiate athletic competitions, intramural team sports, more than 60 student clubs and an active student government.

## Plans for the Future

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District 2007 Facilities Master Plan addresses the primary goals identified during the planning process in 2006-2007:

- Support student success and retention through the development and ongoing support of educational and public spaces that are attractive, comfortable and suitable for a variety of uses and to a diversity of users.
- Develop safe and accessible vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle paths.
- Exemplify environmental stewardship and leadership toward sustainability.

- Provide space that will empower and support collegiality among faculty, staff and students.

## Philosophy and Objectives

De Anza believes that each person has dignity and worth and is entitled to an equal right to develop his or her potential for a full and meaningful life. Men and women of all ages, interests and ethnic backgrounds are welcomed here to exchange ideas, to gain understanding of their own and others' motivations, to question and to learn.

The fundamental notion that education is a process of exploration entails mutual responsibility. Thus the college offers programs sensitive to the changing needs of the community it serves and provides a staff of dedicated professionals committed to creating an environment that nurtures learning. Students, in turn, participate directly in their own education, challenging themselves and fellow students as well as entering into a cooperative relationship with faculty. In proportion to the students' personal investment of time, energy and commitment, they will come to know themselves better, develop their abilities and define their responsibilities to themselves and the community of which they are a part.

The first two years of four-year degree programs parallel requirements of the University of California, the California State University and Colleges, and private colleges and universities.

De Anza offers educational opportunities in a range of programs serving many functions:

- Successful university transfer can be attributed to De Anza's strong array of general education courses, a broad range of transfer courses in specific majors, and excellent student services that support educational planning and articulation between De Anza and four-year colleges and universities.

De Anza is consistently among the top two community colleges in combined transfers to UC and CSU every year.

- Business, occupational and professional assistant courses and curriculums for students are offered with a view to entering gainful employment at the end of two years of college or less.
- General education courses and programs are available for those desiring to broaden their educational and cultural experiences or continue lifelong learning.
- Re-entry services are provided for renewed opportunity for entering or resuming higher education.
- Counseling services are available to assist students in self-evaluation and attainment of their maximum potential.
- A diversified program of community activities, recreation, culture and education offer wide access to campus facilities days, evenings and weekends.

## General Education Program

The General Education Program reflects our conviction that students must have knowledge about certain basic principles, concepts, and methodologies both unique to and shared by various disciplines. The faculty intend that the General Education Program will provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to evaluate and appreciate the physical environment, their culture and other cultures, the contributions of both men and women, and the society in which they live; and it will help them connect various fields of knowledge in order to become active, vibrant participants in a diverse and global society.

*Taken from the General Education Statement of Philosophy—Adopted June 1999.*

## Degrees

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Students completing 90 units with a “C” or better in major courses and a minimum 2.0 GPA in the General Education requirements may earn an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree. Students should develop an Educational Plan with a counselor to ensure that they complete courses that meet degree requirements, and should refer to the Certificate and A.A./A.S. Degree Programs section of this catalog.

Students may earn a second associate degree when completing all additional major or required support courses with a minimum “C” grade in each course. A formal degree petition must be completed and submitted to Admissions and Records prior to receiving any degree.

## Accreditation

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De Anza is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, one of the six national accrediting agencies.

The University of California, Stanford University, California State University and all other accredited colleges and universities give full credit for equivalent courses taken at De Anza.

Pertinent coursework offered by the college has been approved by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the State Department of Education and the Veterans Administration, as well as the Council on Medical Education and Registration, the Board of Registered Nursing, Community Allied Health Education and Accreditation, and the American Bar Association.

## The Facilities

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Located in Santa Clara Valley, De Anza is known for its distinctive architecture that harmonizes with the surrounding community and creates a natural, restful campus atmosphere conducive to study. Architectural accent points are expressed in buildings that serve unique functions, such as the Flint Center (a 2,570-seat performing arts auditorium), an Olympic aquatics complex, a 5,000-seat Outdoor Events

Arena, the Fujitsu Planetarium at De Anza College that houses the only Infinium S Star projector outside of Japan, a 185-seat Recital Hall, the Advanced Technology Center, the Science Center, the Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies, and the Student and Community Services Building. The buildings are grouped university-style, and Campus Drive encircles the academic and athletic areas.

De Anza has comprehensive athletic facilities including gymnasiums, a stadium, fields and/or courts for track, baseball, football, archery, tennis, all-weather soccer field and golf. De Anza’s Cheeseman Environmental Study Area contains several diversified ecosystems and is located next to the Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies.

The landscape development accents the natural advantages of the campus. More than 100 oaks, sycamores and palms were preserved and are supplemented with coastal redwoods and other indigenous plantings. The basic flat nature of the campus is accented by rolling lawns and meandering paths. Exterior areas are developed to create a variety of dignified courts ranging from intimate patios to large formal areas for outdoor assemblies.

De Anza serves approximately 24,000 students each quarter (not including noncredit Community Education courses), has close to 1,500 staff and faculty members, and hosts about 1,000,000 visitors each year. The college also provides courses at off-campus locations including two local high schools, Monte Vista and Fremont. All off-campus credit classes satisfy the same degree and transfer requirements as those offered on campus.

## Facility Rental

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De Anza facilities including the Campus Center, the Science Center, the Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies, performance halls and smart classrooms are available for special events, corporate meetings or other large events. If members of public or private groups would like to use campus buildings or outdoor areas, they must obtain a facility application form from the office of the evening coordinator on campus. Applications are also available on De Anza’s Web site at [www.deanza.edu/rentals](http://www.deanza.edu/rentals). De Anza faculty, staff and student clubs wishing to use facilities for nonacademic use must also submit an application to the office of the campus evening coordinator.

For more information, please call 408.864.8333 after 12 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

## Cultural Activities

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De Anza offers an extensive program of cultural and educational activities that contributes to the cultural enrichment of the students and community.

Academic divisions supplement their instructional activities throughout the year, especially in the Intercultural/International Studies, Creative Arts, Language Arts and Social Sciences/Humanities divisions. The student government association sponsors art exhibits, lecture series, films and musical events.

Many community organizations sponsor performances at the college that include opera, symphony, ballet, drama, lectures and musical productions.

