

The Community

Fresno's metropolitan area has a population of more than 600,000 and yet it maintains a friendly "big town" feeling. Cultural events are numerous and feature such groups and facilities as the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra, the Fresno Arts Center, the Fresno Metropolitan Museum and several live theater organizations.

The community is proud of CSU, Fresno and enthusiastically supports many of the university's programs, whether they are sports, the arts, academic competitions or other special events.



Recreation

Fresno is the only place in the nation within an easy drive of three national parks — Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon. Therefore, it isn't surprising that much of CSU, Fresno's recreational and social life centers on the outdoors.

Boating, fishing, water skiing and windsurfing at one of the six nearby lakes are popular activities during the spring and summer. Winter recreation includes downhill skiing and cross-country skiing at nearby Sierra Summit or Badger Pass in the beautiful Sierra Mountains.

In addition to an extensive intramural program, on-campus recreation includes a series of current films, drama productions and concerts ranging from rock to jazz to classical. The annual Vintage Days celebration and a number of university receptions, winetastings, art festivals and the University Lecture Series are among the many events open to the public. Informal meeting places such as the University Student Union and the Satellite Student Union are visited by students throughout the day and evening.