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Academic excellence and athletics accomplishment go hand in hand at Fresno State. Fresno State is a member of the Western Athletic Conference. The broad-based intercollegiate athletics program provides athletes with opportunities for high-level competition while they pursue a quality education.

To ensure academic development, California State University, Fresno – known in the athletics world as Fresno State – has instituted a counseling system designed specifically for student athletes. Services include academic advising, guidance and counseling, monitoring of progress, and daily study halls.

Facilities

Bulldog Stadium, home of the football team and men's and women's soccer teams, features a 41,031-seat capacity. Beiden Field, a 6,575-seat baseball stadium, is considered one of the finest collegiate complexes in the country. Bulldog Diamond, home of the 1998 NCAA champion Fresno State softball team, seats 5,467 and is the finest on-campus facility of its kind in the nation. Fresno State has track and field facilities, two gymnasiums, an indoor/outdoor swimming complex, six indoor/outdoor handball/racquetball courts, and putting greens and driving areas, complete with sand traps for golf. Fresno State also has new women's locker rooms,

one of the best weight rooms on the West Coast with 10,800 square feet, and the resplendent Spalding G. Wathen Tennis Center.

Men's Intercollegiate Athletics

Baseball. The Bulldogs have advanced to NCAA tournament 12 of the last 14 years and 28 times overall, including three College World Series appearances.

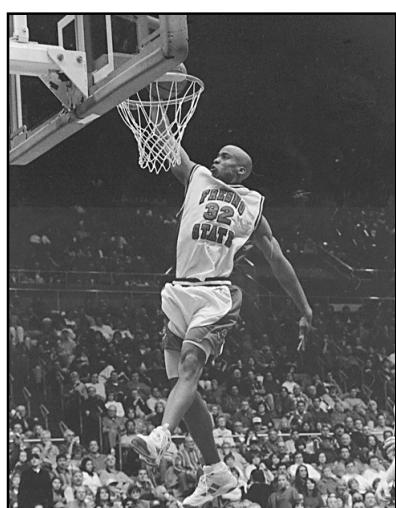
Basketball. Fresno State has advanced to post-season play in seven consecutive seasons, including two years in a row to the NCAA tournament.

Cross Country/Track and Field. Fresno State's cross country team captured conference titles in 1981, 1984 and 1988. The track and field team won 10 straight league crowns from 1983-1992.

Football. The Bulldogs tied for the Western Athletic Conference championship in 1992, 1993, and 1999. They have played in a bowl game the past two seasons.

Golf. Fresno State finished in the top 20 nationally 11 times in the past 21 years. The team was ranked as high as number four in the nation in 1999-00.

Soccer. Highlights include the 1998 WAC Championship, 14 NCAA tournament appearances since 1982, a number one ranking in 1987 and a 1986 Final Four showing.



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Tennis. The Bulldogs have received an NCAA berth eight consecutive years. Fresno State reached the national quarterfinals in 1996 and the Sweet 16 in 1995, 1997, and 1999. The team garnered five All-Americans in that span.

Wrestling. Fresno State finished in the top 25 nationally in eight of the last nine seasons. In 1999 and 2001, Stephen Abas won the national championship at 125 pounds.

Women's Intercollegiate Athletics

Basketball. In 2000-01, Omelogo Udeze, Lindsay Logan, and Tiffany Simon received All-WAC honors. Logan was named first-team All-WAC.

Cross Country/Track and Field. The Bulldogs have built powerful track and cross country programs, winning consecutive conference track crowns in 1991 and 1992.

Equestrian. The Bulldog equestrian team had its first individual national champion in 1998, with five individuals placing in the top 10 nationally in their respective events.

Soccer. The program had its most successful season in 1999, when the Bulldogs won the WAC regular season title and received a first-ever berth in the NCAA tournament.

Softball. The Bulldogs won the 1998 National Championship. The team has received 24 consecutive NCAA berths, and is the only athletics program in the nation to accomplish that feat.

Swimming and Diving. Fresno State earned an All-American for four of the last six years and finished fourth in the WAC last season.

Tennis. The Bulldogs received an NCAA berth six seasons in a row. They won the WAC title and reached the round of 16 at the NCAAs in 1999.

Volleyball. Fresno State won 21 or more matches for five of the past nine seasons, with five post-season appearances, including a trip to the 1998 NCAA tournament. ♦