

The Community

Fresno's metropolitan area has a population of more than 470,000, yet it seems to have a strong sense of community. Cultural events are numerous and feature such groups and facilities as the Fresno Arts Center, the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra, and several live theater organizations.

World-renowned guest artists and the talented Maestro Raymond Harvey win critical praise for the Fresno Philharmonic. Season tickets and student discounts are available.

The community is proud of California State University, Fresno and enthusiastically supports many of the university's programs, including sports, the arts, academic competitions, and 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. The university's recreational activities and social life often center 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 Nevada.

All year round, nature lovers and outdoor sports enthusiasts can choose from a variety of parks to visit while in Fresno.

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. Students informally meet in areas such as the University Student Union, the Satellite Student Union, and the Pavilion throughout the day and evening.

Fresno City College

Established in 1910, Fresno City College is part of the California State Community Colleges system that includes 106 campuses and enrolls approximately two million students. Located on the old Fresno State campus on University Avenue, Fresno City College offers programs for students who plan to transfer to California State University, Fresno.

