



## **Athletics**

Academic excellence and athletics 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 to enrich their collegiate experience 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 support system designed specifically for student athletes. Services include academic advising, guidance and counseling, monitoring of progress, tutoring, and daily study halls.

## **Facilities**

Bulldog Stadium, home of the football and women's soccer teams, has a 41,031-seat capacity. Beiden Field, a 5,422-seat baseball stadium, is considered one of the finest collegiate complexes in the country and home to the 2008 NCAA National Champion baseball team. Bulldog Diamond, home of the 1998 NCAA champion Fresno State softball team, seats 3,288 and is the finest on-campus facility of its kind in the nation. Fresno State has track and field facilities, two gymnasiums, and putting greens and driving areas complete with sand traps for golf. The strength and conditioning center is one of the best weight rooms on the West Coast with 10,800 square feet, and the resplendent Spalding G. Wathen Tennis Center is home to the men's and women's tennis teams.

In 2003, Fresno State opened the Save Mart Center, the largest on-campus arena on the West Coast with a capacity of 15,596. In 2005, the Ricchiuti Academic Center was constructed during the same time the Duncan Building was expanded to house the new football offices and locker room.

## **Men's Intercollegiate Athletics**

**Baseball.** In 2011, the Bulldogs won their fifth consecutive WAC tournament title. In 2008, the 'Dogs won the program's first ever NCAA National title in six years. The Bulldogs have advanced to the NCAA Tournament 15 of the last 21 years and 30 times overall, including four College World Series appearances.

**Basketball.** As a conference and western region leader in fan attendance at the 15,596-seat Save Mart Center, Fresno State is a perennial postseason contender with four NCAA Tournament berths and won the 1983 NIT Championship in their first of nine tournament appearances.

**Golf.** Fresno State finished in the Top 25 nationally 13 times in the past 26 years. Nick Watney joined the PGA in the spring of 2003 and has become one of the world's best players.

**Football.** With 11 bowl games in the last 12 seasons, the Fresno State Bulldogs are among the nation's elite Division 1 FBS programs. Fresno State's football program is producing high-caliber student-athletes, with 158 Academic All-WAC players honored in the last 14 years, more than any other WAC school.

**Tennis.** The Bulldogs have received an NCAA berth in 13 of the last 18 years. Fresno State reached the national quarterfinals in 1996 and the Sweet 16 in 1995, 1997, and 1999. The Bulldogs have also reached the WAC tournament in five of the last six years and won the title in 2011. The team has garnered five All-Americans from 1995-2001.

**Track and Field/Cross Country.** Fresno State took fourth at the 2010 Outdoor Track and Field WAC Championship, sending six Bulldogs to the NCAA West Regionals. Since 2000, 26 Fresno State athletes have won individual conference titles and four have earned All-American honors. The Bulldog cross country team has emerged as a top team in the conference, taking the individual title at the WAC Championship in 2010 and one student-athlete earning an individual bid to the NCAA Championship.

## **Women's Intercollegiate Athletics**

**Basketball.** In 2011, the Bulldogs won their fourth consecutive WAC title and advanced to the NCAA tournament for their fourth straight year (2007-11). The 2009-10 season marked their best in school history going a perfect 16-0 in conference play and winning 27 games. Jaleesa Ross (2007-11) racked up 389 3-pointers, most in Fresno State history, third in NCAA history and was Fresno

State's all-time leading scorer with 2,002 points.

**Equestrian.** The Fresno State equestrian team is the only Division 1 equestrian team on the west coast. They are consistently ranked in the Top 10 every year.

**Golf.** In 2008, the Bulldogs won the program's first ever WAC Championship. In 2009, the 'Dogs had their second WAC individual champion.

**Lacrosse.** The Fresno State lacrosse team competed in its third season in 2010. Krisdina Gehring became the first-ever Bulldog to earn all-conference honors as she was named to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation second-team.

**Soccer.** In 2005, the Bulldogs won the WAC tournament and received an NCAA tournament berth. In 2010, the Bulldogs won their third WAC Tournament title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

**Softball.** The Bulldogs won the university's first-ever National Championship in 1998. The team has received 30 consecutive NCAA berths and won 10 WAC titles and 21 conference titles.

**Swimming and Diving.** In 2010-2011 the program had two divers compete at the NCAA zones and broke seven Fresno State records at the WAC Championships.

**Tennis.** The Bulldogs received an NCAA berth 15 of the last 16 years (1996-2009, 2011) and won the WAC title nine of the last 10 seasons (2002-2009, 2011). The Dogs have advanced to the finals in seven national tournaments since 2004, including a victory at the National Indoor Doubles Tournament in 2008. They have produced five Academic All-Americans since 1997. Since 1999, the Dogs have garnered 11 All-Americans.

**Track and Field/Cross Country.** The women boast an outdoor and indoor track and field, as well as a cross country team. In 2009, the outdoor team finished in third in the conference and picked up four individual conference crowns, nine competing at the NCAA West Regional and two earning bids to the NCAA Championships.

**Volleyball.** Fresno State has six postseason appearances overall, including three trips to the NCAA tournament.