



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 counseling 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 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 5,767 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/racquet 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.

In 2003, Fresno State opened the Save Mart Center, the largest on-campus arena on the West Coast with a capacity of 16,116.

Men's Intercollegiate Athletics

Baseball. The Bulldogs have advanced to the NCAA tournament 12 of the last 16 years and 28 times overall, including three College World Series appearances.

Basketball. Fresno State has advanced to postseason play or a conference title in nine of the last 10 years. In 2002-03, the Bulldogs won 20 games and the WAC title.

Track and Field. The track and field team won 10 straight league crowns from 1983-1992.

Football. The Bulldogs tied for the WAC championship in 1992, 1993, and 1999 and appeared in straight bowl games. Fresno State's 17-9 victory over UCLA in the 2003 Silicon Valley Football Classic was its second consecutive bowl win and the program's first ever win over the Bruins.

Golf. Fresno State finished in the top 25 nationally 13 times in the past 23 years. The team was ranked as high as number four in the nation in 1999-00. In 2003, the Bulldogs captured their third WAC championship title since Fresno State's inception into the WAC in 1992. Nick Watney joined the PGA in the spring of 2003.

Tennis. The Bulldogs have received an NCAA birth 10 of the last 11 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 10 of the last 12 seasons. Stephen Abas, one of Fresno State's most garnished wrestlers, won the 125 pound division NCAA title in 1999, 2001, and 2002.

Women's Intercollegiate Athletics

Basketball. In 2002-03, the Bulldogs advanced to the WNIT quarterfinals and finished 21-13 overall under the direction of head coach Stacy Johnson-Klein.

Cross Country/Track and Field. The Bulldogs have built powerful track and field and cross country programs. In 1991 and 1992, the track team won consecutive crowns. It also won the 2002 outdoor WAC championship.

Equestrian. The Bulldog equestrian team had its first individual champion in 1998, with five individuals placing in the top nationally in their respective events. Fresno State had varsity national champions in 2002 and 2003 and had champions for Zone 8, Region 1 in 2004.

Golf. Fall 2004 marked the implementation of the first women's golf program. Fresno State anticipates that it will be a successful competitive program.

Soccer. In 2003, Fresno State ranked No. 3 nationally in average match attendance. In 1999, the Bulldogs won the WAC regular season and received a NCAA tournament berth.

Softball. The Bulldogs won the 1998 National Championship. The team has received 23 consecutive NCAA berths, and is the only softball program in the nation to accomplish that feat.

Tennis. The Bulldogs have received an NCAA berth in nine years in a row. They have won the WAC title three consecutive seasons and four times overall since 1999 (1999, 2002-04). In 2004, Fresno State was ranked in the top 10 nationally and reached the round of 16 for just the third time ever. In addition, Jelena Pandzic reached the national championship match of the NCAA Singles Tournament.

Volleyball. With eight 20-win seasons in the last 13 years, Fresno State has six post season appearances overall, including three trips to the NCAA tournament.