

Student Involvement

Student Involvement - Student Activities and the University Student Union

Make the most of your college experience by getting involved. Meet new friends, learn more about becoming a campus leader, develop skills and knowledge by working with others, and enrich your learning in and out of the classroom. Student Involvement offers programs and services that support student success.

Student Involvement Center - Student Activities Office

Being involved during college years means you take an active role in shaping your learning experience. The program advisers and staff understand that student development is an ethic that flows through all of the opportunities and activities of the office. There is a strong emphasis on experiential learning. As a student, you will benefit from opportunities to lead a group or organization; plan meetings and events; manage group projects and budgets; and develop presentation, marketing, and public relations skills.

The Student Involvement Center is the administrative home for many student involvement functions. It issues permits for the **Free Speech Area**; officially recognizes the more than 300 social, cultural, and academic student clubs and organizations; trains and supports club leaders and advisers; and reserves campus facilities, grounds, and classrooms for use by student organizations.

In addition to supporting the student clubs, the professional staff also administers and/or supports **Greek Life** and the **Greek Councils** for the 42 Greek organizations, **Vintage Days** (a spring community festival), **University Commencement**, the **Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI)**, student government, and many programs that are funded by student fees that support the University Student Union.

The University Student Union

As part of Student Involvement, the University Student Union (USU) represents the place where involved students connect with one another and find their "campus community center." The USU has been part of the campus for 40 years. It celebrated its anniversary in November of 2008 with a special recognition of those student leaders, past and present, who helped make the Fresno State student union possible.

Involvement opportunities and programs provided through the USU are varied and many. The **USU Board of Directors**, a student-run advisory board, plays a vital role in the operations and management of the USU. Its mission is to represent the voice of students on issues affecting the USU and SSU; to encourage student involvement and leadership development; to promote college life through the campus programming board and **USU Productions**; and to serve as a liaison to Fresno State faculty, students, administrators, alumni and guests.

Other student opportunities in the USU are available through **leadership programs**, the **Leadership Council**, and **Club Sports Program**. The **USU Recreation Center** offers bowling, billiards, and an X-Box station.

The USU food court hosts Chick Fil A, Subway, Panda Express, and the USU Snack Bar, where you can enjoy Fresno State ice cream and Starbucks coffee, Juice It Up, and other treats.