

A NEW JACK'S GUIDE TO STUDENT LIFE AT SDSTATE



SOUTH DAKOTA
STATE UNIVERSITY

Outside of knowing how to register for courses, access academic supports and find the best route between classroom buildings, there are several other basic needs that all of our new Jackrabbits have. SDState is meant to be your home away from home (especially in your first two years with us), and we want you to count on having those needs met. Let's talk student life at State.

HOUSING & RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Below are some pieces of useful information as you prepare to make our residence halls your home. Please check out the QR code for further details.

ROOMS AND FURNITURE DIMENSIONS

Find your residence hall's room dimensions, as well as the furniture pieces and sizes standard in a room.

HOUSING - WHAT TO BRING

Wondering what you can and cannot have in your residence hall room? Check out the lists in the link!

MAIL INFORMATION

Wondering how to receive a care package from home? Check the link for address format, package center locations and other details.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES

All halls have washers and dryers which take Hobo Dough.

FRIDGE & RUG RENTAL

Rent a fridge for your room, don't buy one. SDSU partners with mycollegefridge.com. See link for more information.

INSIDE THIS GUIDE:

- Housing & Residential Life
- Jackrabbit wellness
- MyJacks Card and Hobo Dough
- Parking
- Jackrabbit Central
- Involvement opportunities

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR HALL

Help develop the community in your hall and on-campus by attending the programs in your hall or on your floor, by joining your hall's government or Residence Hall Association (RHA).

DROP N GO

Watch your Jacks email

Want to move a bunch of your stuff in early? Some halls will have the ability for students to schedule a time later in the summer to bring some of their items in ahead of move-in weekend. Watch your Jacks email in late June for details.



sdsu.reslife@sdsu.edu
(605) 688-5148
sdsu.edu/housing

SUMMER TO-DO LIST

Connect. Reach out to your roommate to make plans for the fall. Room Assignments will be sent to your Jacks email. Roommate information can be found in your housing portal.

Change. Want to make a room change for fall? Participate in the room reassignment process between June 3 to July 8. Information will be sent to your Jacks email regarding this process.

Drop N Go. Check your Jacks email in late June for options to move some of your stuff into your hall early.

Pack. Begin packing! Review the "What to Bring" information and consider renting a fridge to lighten your load on move-in day.

Move. Get ready for Meet State! Be on the lookout for information regarding the move-in process. We can't wait to welcome new students on Friday, August 22!



JACKRABBIT WELLNESS.

College is excitement and possibility, opportunity and pride. It's also uncertainty and stress, apprehension and pressure. And it's all wrapped up in one unforgettable experience. You've made plans to attend college, and you're learning how to do well in college now. We also want to remind you to make plans to BE well in college.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

There are people and resources on campus to help you stay well. All you have to do is ask. Here we've highlighted just a handful of the many wellness services you can access at South Dakota State.



HEALTH CLINIC & COUNSELING SERVICES

The Student Health Clinic is staffed by certified nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and lab technicians who provide medical care for acute illnesses, injuries, routine physical exams, immunizations, allergy injections, medication administration, and laboratory services to SDSU students. For these services, the Student Health Clinic can file to many insurance companies. Students can schedule health appointments online through MyState.

The SDSU Counseling Center provides various services, including short-term therapy, group therapy, and wellness workshops to support students with emotional, behavioral,

RECREATION & FITNESS

SERVICES & PROGRAMS:

- Recreation & Outdoor Program
- Group Fitness & Aquatics
- Nutrition Counseling
- Competitive Sports
- E-sports

AMENITIES:

- Fitness Studios
- Indoor Track
- 35-foot Climbing Wall
- Indoor Swimming Pool
- Cardiovascular Equipment
- Weight Training Equipment
- Recreation Equipment Check-Out
- Functional Fitness Spaces
- Outdoor Program Space & Rentals

MILLER WELLNESS CENTER

CONTACT INFO

Web: sdstate.edu/university-wellbeing

Member Portal: wellnesscenter.sdstate.edu

Email: sdsu.wellnesscenter@sdstate.edu

Email (for immunization records): sdsu.shc@sdstate.edu

Fitness & Recreation

(605) 697-WELL (9355)

Health & Counseling

(605) 688-4157

After Hours Crisis Response

(605) 688-5117 (University Police)



WELLNESS CENTER APP

Search SDState Wellness Center to download.

BUSINESS SERVICES:

MyJacks Card, Parking Permits and Jackrabbit Central



MYJACKS CARD

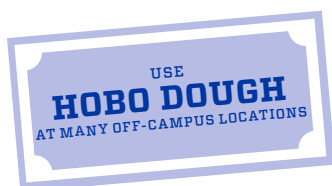
myjackscard.com

Union Main Street

(605) 688-6943 (MYID)

sdsu.cardoffice@sdsu.edu

Your MyJacks card is the official identification and access credential for students, faculty and staff at SDSU. Use it to access your residence hall and meal plan, use the Wellness Center, check out books, and attend athletic and performing events.



ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST

- Download your MyJacks Card mobile ID**
If you didn't upload a photo prior to NSO, visit Card Services in the Union. Scan the QR code on this page for mobile set up instructions.
- Verify your MyJacks Card is working before leaving NSO**
Stop by the Business Services table to test that your mobile ID works before leaving campus.
- Access your Hobo Dough account**
Hobo Dough is a separate set of funds stored via your MyJacks credentials. Use Hobo Dough for laundry, vending, printing, dining, and off-campus businesses.
- Add funds to your Hobo Dough**
Follow instructions at myjackscard.com.

PARKING PERMITS

sdstate.edu/parking-services

Union Main Street

(605) 688-7275 (PARK)

sdsu.parkinginfo@sdstate.edu

All students bringing a vehicle to campus must have a parking permit. On-campus Resident Students are only allowed a resident permit. The permit options for this are the Northwest Resident (Lot 116, 117, & 118) or Southeast Resident (Lot 158, 147 & 117) depending on your hall.



ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST

- Purchase a parking permit** (starting Aug 1 for fall)
Find My Parking Account via mystate.sdstate.edu
- Register vehicles under your parking permit**
Register up to four vehicles, but only one may be on campus at a time.
- Parking permit charges are added to your student bill**
Access your bill via mystate.sdstate.edu Student Account Billing Self Service.

JACKRABBIT CENTRAL

JackrabbitCentral.com

Union Main Street

(605) 688-4163

sdsu.bookstore.custservice@sdstate.edu

All textbooks MUST be ordered online by visiting JackrabbitCentral.com. Once your order has been processed, and completed you will receive a confirmation email stating your order has either shipped, or is ready for free in-store pick-up. Course supplies such as art kits, lab manuals and lab goggles are available for purchase in-store.



ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST

- Register for courses**
- Order textbooks online** (starting late July for fall)
After registering for courses, find My Textbooks at mystate.sdstate.edu. Scan the QR code and see FAQs & Instructions for details.

Scan
for
Links



Cards
Parking
Textbooks

GET INVOLVED

Our involvement opportunities are a fun and fundamental part of your SDSU experience. We've got something for everybody — so find your something!



TYPES OF CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS YOU CAN JOIN

- Agriculture
- Cultural
- Departmental/ Major-Related
- Fraternity & Sorority Life
- Health
- Honorary
- Religious
- Service
- Special Interest
- Sport Clubs
- Student Government, Hall Government & Program Boards



INVOLVEMENT SPOTLIGHT ON SOPHIE SPIER STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

"Hey Jackrabbits, welcome to South Dakota State University! Getting involved is the best (and most fun) way to catalyze your success at SDSU. Whether that be intramural sports, chess club, or student government, you can count on making great memories with fellow students and staff. Our amazing 200+ student-led organizations are the fuel to our fun at SDSU and know that you will find the one that is just right for you! While we wish you could say forever, your time at SDSU is limited, so make the best of it! I challenge you to ask questions, meet new people, and try new things, but most importantly, live in the moment. We are proud to welcome you home, and so excited for you to start your journey as a jackrabbit. Best of luck!"



The Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band



The Hobo Day Committee works hard to plan SDSU's homecoming celebration and parade each year.



Involve Spotlight on State A Thon

In April 2025, State A Thon revealed their annual fundraising total of \$166,788 for Children's Miracle Network.

If you're looking for other ways to enjoy your time outside of the classroom, you don't have to look far. Countless programs take place throughout the year—and many are FREE to SDSU students.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAM COUNCIL
facebook.com/sdsupc

MUSIC DEPARTMENT
sdstate.edu/music

OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES
sdstate.edu/campus-life/student-activities

MULTICULTURAL EVENTS
facebook.com/MulticulturalAffairsandAccessibility

STATE UNIVERSITY THEATRE
sdstate.edu/sut

DIVISION I ATHLETICS
gojacks.com

INTRAMURALS
sdstate.edu/university-wellbeing/intramural-sports

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE
sdstate.edu/student-activities/fraternity-and-sorority-life



INVOLVEMENT STARTS HERE.

STUDENT ORGS & EVENTS AT SDSTATE

jacksclubhub.sdstate.edu

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SDSU Student Activities

