

Campus Overview



De Anza College, one of 109 community colleges in California, has gained a national reputation for its responsiveness to community

needs, including those needs for students with physical and learning disabilities, ethnically and culturally diverse backgrounds, older populations and re-entry students.

De Anza offers classes on and off campus, day and evening, online and on television. Operating on the quarter system, the college schedules complete offerings in fall, winter and spring, as well as summer sessions of varying lengths. Since the fall of 1967 when the college opened its doors, about 700,000 Silicon Valley residents and others in our global community have received an outstanding education at De Anza!

De Anza is one of two colleges within the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and participates in the League for Innovation in the Community College, an international consortium serving community colleges.

Plans for the Future

The entire college community participated in the development of a comprehensive, five-year educational master plan to ensure the success of De Anza students in the new millennium. De Anza will forge its pathways to excellence by accomplishing these four goals:

- ▶ Achieve levels of excellence in a climate of learning for a diverse student body.
- ▶ Provide effective pathways to learning for every student.
- ▶ Improve student learning, student life and the management of

resources through the appropriate applications of technology.

- ▶ Increase access through planned growth and fiscal soundness.

Philosophy and Objectives

De Anza believes that each person has dignity and worth and is entitled to an equal right to develop his or her potential for a full and meaningful life. Men and women of all ages, interests and ethnic backgrounds are welcomed here to exchange ideas, to gain understanding of their own and others' motivations, to question and to learn.

The fundamental notion that education is a process of exploration entails mutual responsibility. Thus the college offers programs sensitive to the changing needs of the community it serves and provides a staff of dedicated professionals committed to creating an environment that nurtures learning. Students, in turn, participate directly in their own education, challenging themselves and fellow students as well as entering into a cooperative relationship with faculty. In proportion to the students' personal investment of time, energy and commitment, they will come to know themselves better, develop their abilities and define their responsibilities to themselves and the community of which they are a part.

The first two years of four-year degree programs parallel requirements of the University of California, the California State University and Colleges, and private colleges and universities.

De Anza offers educational opportunities in a range of programs serving many functions:

- ▶ Successful university transfer can be attributed to De Anza's strong array of general education courses, a broad range of transfer courses in specific majors, and excellent student services that support educational planning and articulation between De Anza and

four-year colleges and universities. In fact, De Anza is usually at the top or in second place in combined transfers to UC and CSU every year. In 2002-03, De Anza ranked No. 1 in the state.

- ▶ Business, occupational and professional assistant courses and curriculums for students are offered with a view to entering gainful employment at the end of two years of college or less.
- ▶ General education courses and programs are available for those desiring to broaden their educational and cultural experiences or continue lifelong learning.
- ▶ Re-entry services are provided for renewed opportunity for entering or resuming higher education.
- ▶ Counseling services are available to assist students in self-evaluation and attainment of their maximum potential.
- ▶ A diversified program of community activities, recreation, culture and education offer wide access to campus facilities days, evenings and weekends.

General Education Program

The General Education Program reflects our conviction that students must have knowledge about certain basic principles, concepts, and methodologies both unique to and shared by various disciplines. The faculty intend that the General Education Program will provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to evaluate and appreciate the physical environment, their culture and other cultures, the contributions of both men and women, and the society in which they live; and it will help them connect various fields of knowledge in order to become active, vibrant participants in a diverse and global society.

Taken from the General Education Statement of Philosophy—Adopted June 1999.

Degrees

By authorization of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, De Anza confers the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree on those students completing 90 units with a "C" or better in

prescribed courses. All courses, except those in the area of Basic Skills, may be used to meet the 90-unit requirement. De Anza College may confer a second associate degree on those students who complete all the new additional major or required support courses with at least a 2.0 grade point average (out of a possible 4.0).

Accreditation

De Anza is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, one of the six national accrediting agencies.

The University of California, Stanford University, California State University and all other accredited colleges and universities give full credit for equivalent courses taken at De Anza.

Pertinent course work offered by the college has been approved by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the State Department of Education and the Veterans Administration, as well as the Council on Medical Education and Registration, the Board of Registered Nursing, the American Physical Therapy Association, Community Allied Health Education and Accreditation, and the American Bar Association.

The Facilities

Located in Santa Clara Valley, De Anza is known for its distinctive architecture that harmonizes with the surrounding community and creates a natural, restful campus atmosphere conducive to study. The buildings are a blending of Spanish and modern architecture with adobe-like walls, red-tile roofs, arches and fountains. Architectural accent points are expressed in buildings that serve unique functions, such as the Flint Center (a 2,570-seat performing arts auditorium), a newly renovated Olympic aquatics complex, a 5,000-seat Outdoor Events Arena, the 200-seat Planetarium, a 185-seat Recital Hall and the three-story Advanced Technology Center.

The buildings are grouped university-style in a traffic-free area in the center of campus. A perimeter road encircles the academic and athletic areas.

De Anza has comprehensive athletic facilities including gymnasiums, a stadium, fields and/or courts for track, baseball,

football, archery, tennis, soccer and golf. Furthermore, De Anza has a premier Environmental Study Area that hosts several diversified ecosystems and the new Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies.

The landscape development accents the natural advantages of the campus. More than 100 oaks, sycamores and palms were preserved and are supplemented with coastal redwoods and other indigenous plantings. The basic flat nature of the campus is accented by rolling lawns and meandering paths. Exterior areas are developed to create a variety of dignified courts ranging from intimate patios to large formal areas for outdoor assemblies.

De Anza serves approximately 23,000 students each quarter (not including noncredit Community Education courses), has more than 1,000 staff and faculty, and hosts about one million visitors each year. The college also provides courses at off-campus locations including two local high schools (Monte Vista and Fremont). All credit classes are of comparable high quality and content as those offered at the main Cupertino campus, providing the identical number of credits and satisfying the same degree and transfer requirements.

Facility Rental

De Anza facilities are available for special events or corporate meetings. If members

of public or private groups would like to use campus buildings or outdoor areas during regularly scheduled work hours or other times, they must obtain a facility application form from the office of the evening coordinator on campus. De Anza faculty, staff and student clubs wishing to use facilities for nonacademic use must also submit an application to the office of the campus evening coordinator. For more information, please call (408) 864-8333 after 12 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

Cultural Activities

De Anza offers an extensive program of cultural and educational activities that contributes to the cultural enrichment of the students and community.

Academic divisions supplement their instructional activities throughout the year, especially in the Intercultural/International Studies, Creative Arts, Language Arts and Social Science/Humanities divisions. The student government association sponsors art exhibits, lecture series, films and musical events.

Many community organizations sponsor performances at the college that include opera, symphony, ballet, drama, lectures and musical productions.

