

# SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

## FACT SHEET



**1964**

Founded



**24,344**

Fall 2015 Enrollment



**\$46**

Cost per credit unit,  
CA resident

### ABOUT MESA COLLEGE

Among the largest community colleges in California and the nation, San Diego Mesa College is a fully accredited, comprehensive two-year college serving 24,000 students and offering 196 associate degree and certificate programs. In January, 2015, Mesa College was among 15 California community colleges selected as a pilot site to offer a four-year baccalaureate degree. With its premier fine art and music programs, robust language and humanities offerings, and rigorous math and science curricula, Mesa ranks as San Diego's top transfer institution. The college also serves as an important economic catalyst for the region. Its career workforce programs include the bachelor's degree in Health Information Management, allied health fields, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) biopharmaceutical, multimedia, animal health technology, American Sign Language, hospitality, culinary art, fashion, architecture, interior design and more. Situated on a beautiful, suburban 104-acre mesa in the geographic center of San Diego, the college's small classes, outstanding faculty, and reputation for quality offer an unparalleled academic experience. As an Hispanic Serving Institution, Mesa College is committed to becoming the leading college of equity and excellence and to the success of all students, including underrepresented students, and more than 2,400 veterans and their families. [www.sdmesa.edu](http://www.sdmesa.edu).

### TOP SIX SELECTED MAJORS (FALL 2015)

2,271 Biology AA/AS	2,263 Business Administration	1,697 Transfer	931 Undeclared AA/AS	853 Psychology	788 Engineering
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### VISION

San Diego Mesa College shall be a key force in our community to educate our students to shape the future.

### PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Equity/Access, Engagement/Retention, Persistence, Success, Institutional Effectiveness

### VALUES

- Equity
- Access
- Accountability
- Diversity
- Freedom of Expression
- Excellence
- Integrity
- Respect
- Scholarship
- Sustainability

### MISSION

San Diego Mesa College empowers our diverse student body to reach their educational goals and shape the future. As a comprehensive community college committed to access, success, and equity we promote student learning and achievement leading to degrees and certificates in support of transfer education and workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities. Faculty and staff collaborate with our students to foster scholarship, leadership, and responsibility to effect positive change within our community.

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



**27%**

Full time students



**73%**

Part time students



**45%**

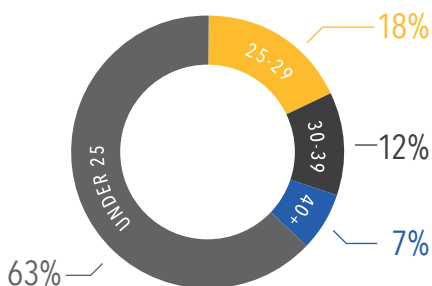
Students Receiving  
Financial Aid



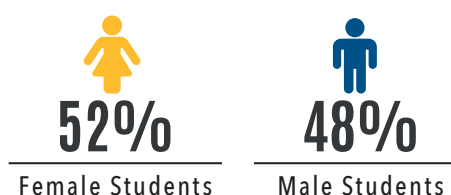
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First Generation  
College Students

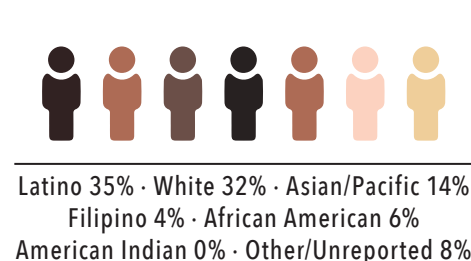
### STUDENT AGE



### GENDER



### ETHNICITY



## FIELDS OF STUDY

Accounting	Dance	Liberal Arts and Sciences
American Sign Language/ Interpreting	Dental Assisting (RDA, CDA)	Liberal Studies
Animal Health	Dramatic Arts	Marketing
Technology	Economics	Mathematics
Anthropology	Elementary Teacher Education	Medical Assisting
Architecture	Engineering	Multimedia
Art-Fine Art	English	Music
Art History	Event Management	Nutrition
Biology	Exercise Science	Philosophy
Black Studies	Fashion	Phlebotomy
Building	French	Physical Sciences
Construction	Garden Design	Physical Therapist Assistant
Technology	Geographic Information Systems	Physics
Business	Geography	Political Science
Administration	Geology	Psychology
Business	Health Information Management*	Radiologic Technology
Management	Health Information Technology	Real Estate
Chemistry	History	Social Sciences
Chicano Studies	Hotel Management	Sociology
Child Development	Interior Design	Spanish
Communication	Japanese	Studio Arts
Studies	Journalism	Theatre Arts
Computer Business	Kinesiology	Web Development
Technology	Landscape Architecture	Women's Studies
Computer and Information Sciences	Liberal Arts	
Culinary Arts/ Culinary Management in Hospitality		

\*Bachelor's Degree

## RANKINGS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Mesa College conferred 691 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014, ranking it a top of the 113 California Community Colleges for having the largest number of students who earned degrees designed to transfer to the California State University system.
- Mesa College ranks as San Diego's top transfer institution. Its transfer rate consistently surpasses the statewide average, with over half of the college's student cohort transferring to a four-year institution within six years (Source: CCCC DataMart).
- Mesa College was the first community college in California to offer a bachelor's degree. The first freshman cohort of the Health Information Management bachelor's degree program began in Fall 2015; the first junior class enrolled in Fall 2016.
- As a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI/Title III), Mesa College is committed to the success of all students, including underrepresented students, and more than 2,400 veterans and their families.
- Mesa College's student athletes demonstrate excellence on and off the field. On average, athletes have higher overall GPAs and successful course completion rates than similar non-athletes.
- Through voter-approved Propositions S and N, Mesa College is nearing completion of a \$249.4 million expansion. More than 20 projects include 10 new instructional facilities, building renovations, expanded parking, and major infrastructure projects.

## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Mesa College Foundation & Innovative Partnerships .....	619-388-2285
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Athletics .....	619-388-2737
Student Activities & Services .....	619-388-2699
Media and Public Information.....	619-388-2759

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## ABOUT THE SDCCD

As the second-largest of California's 72 community college districts, the San Diego Community College District serves approximately 100,000 students annually through three two-year colleges and San Diego Continuing Education. The three colleges, San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College, and San Diego Miramar College, offer associate degrees and certificates in occupational programs that prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and entry-level jobs. Mesa College also offers a bachelor's degree in Health Information Management. Continuing Education offers noncredit adult education at six campuses throughout San Diego.

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