SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

CADET PROGRAM

Are you interested in a career in law enforcement?
Are you looking to provide community service?
Gain valuable experience learning and working in a law enforcement agency.
Earn academic credit toward internship requirements.

Mission Statement:
“We Make A Difference Today For A Better Tomorrow.”

Important Dates*

Cadet Application Deadline
TBA

Written / Physical Agility Exam
TBA

Oral Board Interviews
TBA

Cadet In House Program Training
Two days per week, four hours each day, for a total of forty hours

For More Information

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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Police services are provided to the campus community by the San Jose State University Police Department. This is a state law enforcement agency which operates 24-hours per day, and 365 days per year.

University police officers have jurisdiction throughout the State of California and are responsible for the investigation of all criminal matters occurring on California State University property.

San Jose State University
Police Department

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Website: www.sjsu.edu/police/programs/cadets/
The SJSU Police Cadet program has been in existence since the early 1980’s as a volunteer unit of the San Jose State University Police Department. The program is designed to aid young men and women interested in working towards a career in law enforcement. The program itself is structured in much the same way as the University Police Department. Cadets work side by side with UPD officers and staff in all types of law enforcement related activities, which provide experience in the field, while serving the campus community and enhancing one’s education.

**POLICE CADET BENEFITS**

- Gain valuable insight and experience in the field of law enforcement.
- Earn University credits toward academic internship requirements.
- Participate in community service activities benefiting the campus community and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Be able to participate in ride-alongs with UPD officers.

**HOW TO GET STARTED**

**Minimum Requirements:**

- Must be 18 years of age.
- Must be enrolled in a minimum of 6.0 units at San Jose State University.
- Must have at least 2 years of studies left at SJSU.
- Must have a valid CA drivers license.

**Where to Apply**

Complete a San Jose State University Employment Application. Applications can be obtained at:

- UPD Main Lobby (7th St. Garage)
- UPD Website
  [www.sjsu.edu/police/programs/cadets/](http://www.sjsu.edu/police/programs/cadets/)

Applications must be submitted with the words “Student Police Cadet” indicated on the Job Title. Applications must be submitted directly to the UPD Police Services Window at the UPD Main Lobby.

**EXAMINATION PROCESS**

Applicants must successfully complete and pass the following:

- Written Examination
- Physical Agility Examination
- Interview By An Oral Board Panel

**BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION**

All applicants are required to undergo a complete Background Investigation. Applicants will be required to submit fingerprints, complete a personal history questionnaire, and participate in an interview with a background investigator.

**TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants selected to be members of the Cadet Program will be initially classified as “Cadet Trainee”. Cadet Trainees must complete the following training requirements:

**BASIC TRAINING ACADEMY**

Cadet Trainees are required to complete a Basic Training Academy consisting of a minimum of 40-hours of both classroom lecture and hands-on field training.

**FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM**

Following the Basic Training Academy, Cadet Trainees are required to complete a minimum of 48-hours of patrol during the Field Training Program. During the Field Training Program, Cadet Trainees are assigned to a senior Cadet Field Training Officer (FTO). During this portion of the training process, Cadet Trainees must demonstrate the ability to proficiently apply the concepts learned in the Basic Training Academy.

**MONTHLY REQUIREMENT**

Cadets who successfully complete the Training Program are required to complete a minimum of 12 hours per month of volunteer patrol services and a minimum of four hours of in-service training per month. There are also specialized paid assignments for police cadets who qualify.