LEED Buildings at San José State University

All new buildings at San José State University (SJSU) are designed and built in accordance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), a program administered by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). Buildings have the potential to earn platinum, gold, silver or certified status in one of four categories of standards.

LEED participation is consistent with SJSU’s commitment to sustainability and the fulfillment of EO987 and Assembly Bill 32 by incorporating our local geography in building design, minimizing operating costs, maximizing energy and water efficiency, and choosing materials and systems whose total life cycle, from manufacture to replacement, minimize environmental impacts.

LEED Standards

SJSU has implemented an energy efficiency design strategy for all new construction. Buildings will be designed and built with new, more efficient variable air volume HVAC systems. Staged systems and CO2 controls are installed to respond to varying occupancy. Buildings will have energy-efficient LED lighting and controls. Building management systems and metering help to monitor and improve performance. Options for solar photovoltaic or other emerging technologies are evaluated for each new project.

Objectives for 2030

- Buildings designed after 2025 will be designed net zero, meaning the total amount of energy used yearly by a building is equal to or less than the amount of energy generated by the use of innovative technologies and renewable power.
- All new buildings going forward will be certified as LEED Gold or higher.
- Increasing energy efficiency and water usage for existing buildings.
Student Union

The Student Union (SU) Expansion was completed in Fall 2015. The entire Student Union building has achieved LEED Gold Certification.

Student Wellness Center

The three-story, 53,000 square foot on-campus health center was completed in March 2015. The Student Wellness Center (SWC) was designed and built as a LEED Gold-equivalent project.

Spartan Complex

Spartan Complex (SPX) was completed in Fall 2015 and designed to LEED Silver standards.

Campus Village 2

The ten-story high Campus Village 2 (CV2) was completed in Fall 2016 and designed to LEED Silver standards.

Spartan Recreation and Aquatic Center

The Spartan Recreation and Aquatic Center (SRAC) opened in April 2019 with LEED Gold certification.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library (MLK) was constructed in 2003 as a partnership between the City of San José and SJSU and is operated by SJSU under a joint operating agreement. The building was LEED Silver Certified in 2012.

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