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Sul Ross State University

A Member of the Texas State University System
Learning in the Texas Mountains

Outdoor learning opportunities abound, from archaeology to ecology to herpetology to art. Learning directly from the natural environment expands the experience and enhances the mind’s ability to absorb new information by setting it firmly in the real world.
Wide Open Spaces

The university is located in the middle of the highly elevated Chihuahuan Desert and surrounded by numerous mountain ranges. Our setting provides a living laboratory for serious economic, social, environmental, and political discussions as well as inspiration for artists, poets, dancers, filmmakers, composers, and creative writers. The university owns the 17,000-acre Faskin Ranch 110 miles west and another rugged 9,629-acre tract in the Christmas Mountains, less than an hour south of campus, part of our extensive open-air research laboratory. Almost every geologic process and rock formation known to geologists can be observed here and the combination of desert and mountain environments provides an ideal opportunity to explore transitional ecosystems.
The college of Arts and Sciences encompasses a wide range of disciplines: Behavioral and Social Sciences, Biology, Computer Science and Mathematics, Earth and Physical Sciences, Fine Arts and Communication, and Languages and Literature are the departments within this college. A cooperative effort between the History program and the Art program is a European Study-Travel Program, offered alternate summers. It consists of on-campus study combined with three weeks of study in Europe.

The Department of Fine Arts and Communication was formed by combining several related academic disciplines into one administrative unit. A broad range of creative activities are conducted in each department area, including art shows, concerts, audio and video productions, radio theatre and theatrical performances.

The theater program puts on a number of productions throughout the year with four key areas in mind: playwriting, musical theatre, bilingual theatre, and children’s theatre. Students learn the art of playwriting and take on the process of developing original works from script to stage. The emerging Latino Theatre Program has brought a national focus to Sul Ross. Recently, the Sul Ross original production of “Aye, No!” by resident playwright Liz Castillo was invited to perform at the Region VI Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Amarillo. The Theatre of the Big Bend, a series of outdoor repertory performances, takes place each summer. Art and music students also take part in these programs doing set design and participation in musicals.

“Coming to Sul Ross gave me a future I never even dreamed of. I have had help not only from the music department but also from the city of Alpine itself. Without the help of the people around me the music I sing and dance to would not sound as sweet.”

-Raven Thrasher
Music 2013
El Paso, TX

The art program takes inspiration from the natural beauty of the land, its historic associations, and an incredible sense of open space found here. Students may specialize in art education, ceramics, painting, sculpture or art history.
The Computer Science and Math program has a new major, Gaming Technology, which will provide state-of-the-art technology and expert instruction in game creation and construction.

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-Lori George
MS Biology, 2013

Geology - Sul Ross State University, located in the Chihuahuan Desert of mountainous West Texas, is in an ideal locality for geologic studies. The campus, surrounded by the Trans-Pecos volcanic field, is only 20 minutes from the famous Paleozoic sedimentary and structural features of the Marathon Basin, the southern margin of the Permian Basin in the Glass Mountains and only two hours from Big Bend National Park and Big Bend Ranch State Park. The university emphasizes outdoor learning in all fields.

Biology students study the integrated ecology of the Chihuahuan Desert region: the plants’ and animals’ adaptation to and interaction with their environment. Biology students may also enroll in programs which are collaborative efforts with other Texas Universities: the DEAP (Dental Early Admission Program) or the JAMP (Joint Admission Medical Program) to continue their education beyond Sul Ross.

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Get ready to get your hands dirty in the greatest lab around: the Big Bend Region of Texas. At Sul Ross, students get hands-on learning across a wide range of disciplines. We believe that the best way to help you learn is to provide you with real-world experiences that translate into employment opportunities. That means getting out into the field, into the environments where you’ll be working. If you’re interested in a career that’s rooted in being outdoors—out on the range or taking care of the environment—then this is for you. Our students pursue careers associated with the production, processing and distribution of food and fiber, the management of natural resources (range, wildlife, and conservation biology), the sound application of agricultural business practices, and agricultural education.

We offer undergraduate majors in Animal Science and Natural Resource Management, and masters programs in Animal Science and Range and Wildlife Management. There is also an online Master of Agriculture degree in Animal Science.

“The strengths of being a student in the Department of Natural Resource Management are the teamwork and various research projects. I have always appreciated gaining new knowledge and experience from faculties and students. Even though my hometown is in Tokyo, magnificent West Texas never ceases to impress me, and I feel I’m in the right place to learn Range and Wildlife Management.”

-Masahiro Ohnishi
Graduate student in Range and Wildlife Management,
Tokyo, Japan
“Sul Ross has allowed me to reach a level of success that I never thought possible. Scholarships not only assisted me financially, but inspired me to reach my full potential.”

- Justin Hoffman BS in Natural Resource Management, 2011
  MS in Range and Wildlife Management, 2013

Justin plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Wildlife Management.

“Obtaining degrees in Natural Resource Management and Animal Science from Sul Ross State University was an excellent choice for me and helped to prepare me for my position as the Education Coordinator at the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute. Sul Ross boasts an exceptional faculty and staff at the Turner Range Animal Science Center who dedicate their time to each and every student. Their commitment to a hands-on and field-based approach allowed me opportunities and experiences I would not have found at many other schools.”

-Jessica Glasscock, Education Coordinator - Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute
BS Natural Resource Management 2003, M Ag Animal Science 2012
College of Professional Studies

The College of Professional Studies includes the following departments and programs:

- **Business Administration** offers a bachelor of arts in administrative systems and business technology; a bachelor of business administration with the possibility of several different specialties; and a master of business administration.

- **Criminal Justice** programs include bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice as well as a dual masters program in criminal justice and public administration. The Criminal Justice program offers an internship program that allows students to gain real-world experience in their area of interest. Criminal justice graduates find employment in law enforcement, victim services, homeland security, and corrections.

- **Education** offers undergraduate and graduate programs leading to teaching or administrator certifications in a number of specialized fields. Interdisciplinary cooperation between the education department and the department of your field of study leads to teacher certification in that discipline.

“*A couple of my favorite high school teachers were alumni of Sul Ross and encouraged me to attend, so I looked at the University pretty closely. Choosing Sul Ross was probably one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. Sul Ross has opened many opportunities for me including conducting undergraduate research, obtaining an internship in a government office, and allowed me to play tennis at the intercollegiate level.*

- Johnathon Cruz
  - San Antonio, TX
  - BA in Political Science 2012
  - Johnathon will begin a master’s program in Public Administration in 2013.
• **The Law Enforcement Academy** provides training to participating law-enforcement agencies, focusing on small-town and rural law enforcement.

• **Physical Education** programs include a bachelor of science in kinesiology and sports science and a master of education degree in physical education.

• **Vocational Nursing** prepares students to take the state board examination to become licensed vocational nurses, the program offers a certificate in vocational nursing.

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The Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library subscribes to over 100 library databases to fulfill the research needs of the university. The library has a collection of print books and periodicals, plus electronic access to a variety of online media. The Archives of the Big Bend is located on the 2nd floor of the library. It has an extensive collection of regional literature, manuscripts, photographs, and oral histories documenting life and culture in the Big Bend/Trans-Pecos region of Texas and related areas of northern Mexico from the early 1800's to the present day.

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“Attending Sul Ross allowed me to connect with faculty rather than become a number mixed in with the masses.”

-Nora Ohnishi

Sul Ross Library Staff

Alpine, TX

General Studies, 2008
Students are attracted to Sul Ross because it is a school that offers an incredible learning experience in a unique setting that’s remote and rugged, and at the same time, a very safe and familiar place. Here, no matter what discipline you choose to follow, you get more attention in smaller classes, you get hands-on experience and you are part of a close-knit community. Whether you are a theater major or a student pursuing a law enforcement career or involved in our outstanding science and nature programs, Sul Ross is a place where you can get involved at every level and be in charge of your achievements.

The Lobo Den was established to meet the needs of 1st and 2nd year students, and works closely with faculty from across campus to facilitate initial 1st-year advising. Advising for undeclared students and for students with developmental course needs also takes place here.

The McNair Project is a federal program to assist low-income, first-generation and under-represented students with the academic skills needed to succeed in earning a doctoral degree. The McNair Project serves 25 Sul Ross juniors and seniors who desire to go on to graduate school and obtain terminal degrees such as a PhD, D. of Education, Medical, or Law degree. The program provides personalized research opportunities, graduate school prep and selection, sponsored trips, and test prep.
Support

The Academic Center for Excellence offers numerous academic support programs. The Center’s committed faculty members teach developmental education courses in reading, writing, and mathematics. Tutoring is available in the Academic Learning Center. Academic Enhancement Seminars offer workshops in study skills. Students seeking an academic challenge seek out the SRSU Honors Program.

Student Support Services is one on the many federally funded grant programs at Sul Ross State University. The program is dedicated to increasing the retention and graduation rates of its students through tutoring, peer mentoring, advising, academic skills development and workshops. The program also provides financial guidance, cultural enrichment opportunities, and assistance applying to and entering graduate school. It doesn’t have to be serious all the time though; some of the student’s favorite workshops are the ones that include food such as “How to Cook in a Microwave”. Student Support Services is free to join for qualified students and may be just what you need to help navigate your way to a college degree.

“I love SSS because it’s the place where I can go and feel at home.”

-Manuel Valles
Tornillo, TX
Criminal Justice 2013

“At Student Support Services there is always someone there to keep me motivated and remind me that I’m not alone and I can do anything I set my mind to.”

-Karina Villaseñor
El Paso, TX
Political Science 2012

The Graduate Student Center increases access to post-baccalaureate programs and fosters graduate student success by developing and providing pro-active support services, including fellowship stipends. It is equipped with computers, internet, a conference room, satellite phone and person locator beacon for field work in remote locations, and a projector and screen for student presentation rehearsals and workshops. The Center is also equipped with a printer/copier/scanner for student use. Additionally, the Center provides pro-active graduate student services, including orientation, mentoring, and workshops/direct assistance in financial literacy, academic research, writing, thesis preparation, preparing external funding requests, and career/educational planning.
The Borderlands Research Institute is helping conserve the natural resources of the Chihuahuan Desert Borderlands through research, education, and outreach. This area is one of the most biologically diverse regions of the world. Mountain ranges erupt from the desert floor and exceed elevations of 8,000 feet. This contrast in elevation greatly affects the biological diversity that occurs in the Chihuahuan Desert, with habitats ranging from desert grasslands to cienegas to ponderosa pine forests. Two current projects are the restoration of pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep in the Big Bend area.

The Center for Big Bend Studies supports and promotes archaeological and historical activities in the Trans-Pecos and Big Bend region of Texas and northern Mexico. A number of sites throughout the region contain diverse evidence of occupancy by Paleoindian cultures through post-Spanish colonization, with exciting potential to extend our understanding of the early native peoples of the Big Bend region.

Other opportunities for research exist within individual departments—check with the department of the discipline in which you are interested for details.
The focus of the Rio Grande Research Center is to create a basin-wide perspective for the sustainable use of water resources within the bi-national Rio Grande watershed. The center serves as the project headquarters for a collaborative effort of seven universities and six conservation organizations to conduct research, outreach, and education for the sustainable use of natural resources in collaboration with many other state universities and organizations.
Lobo Sports  Sul Ross offers a variety of sports opportunities, both at the competitive collegiate level and at the intramural recreational level. The school mascot, the Lobo, meets and greets students and visitors at events throughout the year.

Homecoming bonfire and spirit activities
Research has shown that students who balance their academic work with extracurricular activities are more productive, more inclined to achieve success in academic and other pursuits, enjoy life, are better prepared for life after graduation, and make lifelong friends. Many students actively participate in Sul Ross’s clubs and organizations. They enjoy educational, social, and cultural opportunities, both on and off campus.

Student organizations

Art Club
Baptist Student Ministry
Bar-SR-Bar MASH
Biology Club/Beta Beta Beta
Black Students Association
The Brand Yearbook
Collegiate FFA
Delta Mu Delta
Delta Tau Alpha—agricultural honor society
Eyes of Nature Photography Club
Freshmen Leadership Program
Games, Anime, Manga, and Entertainment Club
Geology Club
Hill Club
Kappa Delta Pi—international education honor society
Lobo Legacy
Lobo Literati League
Newman Club
Phi Alpha Theta—national history honor society
Phi Beta Lambda—business student association
Phi Sigma Iota—international foreign language honor society
Pi Sigma Alpha—national political science honor society
Pre-Law Association
Psi Chi—national psychology honor society
Psychology Association
Ranch Horse Rodeo Club
Range and Wildlife Club
Rodeo Club
Ross’s Calvary
The Sage Literary Magazine
Sigma Gamma Epsilon
Sigma Delta Pi—national Spanish honor society
Sigma Tau Delta—national English honor society
Skyline Club
Society for Conservation Biology
Spanish Club (Los Tertulianos)
Student Government Association
Student Support Services
Sul Ross Music Club
Sul Ross State Ranch Horse Club
Sul Ross Theatrical Society
Sul Ross Cheer Squad
Sul Ross Honors Squad
Sul Ross Spanish Club
Sully Productions
Sully’s Ultimate Players
Teachers of Texas
Wesley Foundation

Sul Ross is the birthplace of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, and the Sul Ross rodeo team is active in competitions throughout the Southwest.

Hill Club students whitewashing the Sul Ross Bar—SR—Bar logo on the side of Hancock Hill
The Morgan University Center serves as the center of the university community, welcoming students, faculty, administrators, alumni, and visitors. The 51,719 sq.ft. facility features meeting rooms, indoor and outdoor dining areas, a game room, student lounge, information desk and a number of SRSU offices. Student mailboxes, the Student Health Services, and the campus bookstore are found within the UC.

Kokernot Lodge, located adjacent to the Alpine Country Club, hosts university events and community events with a relaxed, cozy atmosphere. The Theatre of the Big Bend amphitheater is also on the Kokernot grounds.

The Sul Ross Student Programming Board, Sully Productions, recognizes that there is more to school than what happens in the classroom and, as a result of this belief, works hard to provide students with a stimulating, well-rounded college experience. Sully Productions sponsors entertainment, social, and educational events, such as comedians, live music, lectures, magic acts, and novelty acts. Sully Productions also sponsors Rangra nights—free student passes to the local movie theater on designated dates.
Residential Living is an integral part of university life. You will develop lifelong friendships as you become involved in hall and campus activities. The campus has beautiful and modern residence halls, efficiency apartments, and family housing. The dining service staff strives to provide good, nutritious food in a relaxed atmosphere. Whether you live on campus or commute, our dining services offer personalized dining options to suit any palate.
Here we are devoted to your success. We are a university with one goal: to help you become the person you want to be. We have a dedicated faculty teaching across a wealth of disciplines—all with your personal success in mind. In this scenic country, there is an independent spirit that continues to flourish and thrive in our student body. We welcome you to shed the city, the rat race, the distractions, and focus on the opportunities as wide and vast as West Texas.

Degree Programs

Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences
- Animal Science
- Natural Resource Management

Arts and Sciences

Behavioral and Social Sciences
- History
- Psychology
- Social Science
- Social Science – Political Science option

Computer Science and Math
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Pre-Engineering
- Computer Science Gaming Technology

Biology

Earth and Physical Sciences
- Geology

Fine Arts and Communication

Communication
- Mass Communication
- Human Communication
- Communication Education
- Communication Design

Visual & Performing Arts

Studio Art
- Art History
- Digital Art
- Digital Video Production
- Technical Theatre
- Acting and Directing

General Studies
- Music Education
- Musical Performance

Languages and Literature

English
- Spanish

Professional Studies

Business Administration
Criminal Justice
Education
Law Enforcement Academy
Physical Education
Vocational Nursing
Getting Started
Schedule a tour of our campus—One of the best ways for you to know that this will be a good fit for you is to visit. We will arrange a campus tour for you, geared toward your area of interest. Look at the residence halls, visit with current students, visit professors in your field, and get to know the town of Alpine and surrounding area. The high desert and mountains are not for everyone, but many who come are very happy that they made the trip. For more information contact the Center of Enrollment Services 888-722-SRSU or 432-837-8050.

Admission Requirements

Recommended Plan

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*ACT - composite score; SAT - sum of critical reading and math

Minimum or Standard Plan — Contact Undergraduate Admissions for more information at admissions@sulross.edu or 432-837-8053

Transfer students who transfer to Sul Ross with less than 12 transferrable hours must meet the standards of beginning freshmen, plus they must submit transcripts from all accredited colleges and universities attended. Transfer students with 12 or more credits must meet additional criteria. Contact the registrar for more information.

Admission Procedure

Apply for admission using the Texas Common Application at www.applytexas.org.

Freshmen must submit an official high school transcript or official copy of GED certificate and official SAT or ACT scores, plus college transcripts if college courses were taken while in high school.

Transfer students must submit all official college transcripts and freshmen documents listed above, if applicable.

There is a nonrefundable application fee of $25, $50 for international students.

For more information contact
Center for Enrollment Services,
888-722-7778
Sul Ross State University
SRSU Box C-2
Alpine, TX 79832

“At Sul Ross State University students really matter. You’re not just a number, you are a family member.”

-Aida Luevanos
Business Administration 2012, Presidio TX