



Background for WSCUC Visit October 8-10, 2025

Our theme, Flagship of the Central Valley!

For our reaccreditation self-study, we explored the role of Fresno State as an institution that reshapes every facet of our region through transformative education, research, service, and leadership. Here's how the theme was selected:

- Fresno State's regional accrediting agency is WSCUC, the WASC Senior College and University Commission.
- WSCUC approved us for the Thematic Pathways for Reaffirmation (TPR) process, a streamlined process available to high-performing institutions.
- Our reaccreditation planning committee suggested two themes based on our strategic plan and WSCUC standards. After gathering feedback from eleven groups of stakeholders, the *Flagship of the Central Valley* theme was selected.
- The self-study was carried out by 77 members of the campus community. Six working groups analyzed social mobility, high-impact practices, alumni career satisfaction, economic impact, impact of Fresno State research and service, and graduates in the regional workforce.



Self-Study Highlights

The full self-study is available at **Fresno State Self-Study**.

Here are some key findings:

Bulldog Bound, Fresno State's guaranteed admissions program, has **over 15,000 high school students enrolled**.

The overall economic impact of Fresno State on the region is **\$954 million**.



In AY 2023-24, 21,774 students, faculty, and staff contributed **over 1.4 million hours of service**.



Fresno State is home to **nearly 50 research centers and institutes** that address key issues facing the valley.



Graduates from 98% of majors studied recouped their higher education costs in less than two years post-graduation.



Most students reported that the high-impact practices they participated in were helpful or very helpful for career preparation.



Surveys of Fresno State Community partners found that **96.3% believed** their collaboration with Fresno State was impactful on their mission.



Next Steps

- » WSCUC site visit to our campus October 8-10.
- » Open forums for faculty, staff, and students, schedule provided when received from WSCUC.
- » WSCUC email link will also be provided for comments.

