

Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Food Pantry

Who We Are

The Food Pantry provides food and basic necessities to Sac State students in need and aims to decrease the impact food insecurities have on the academic success of our students.

Number of Distinct Users

- 876 users for academic year 2015-2016
- 1025 users for academic year 2016-2017
- 1043 users for academic year 2017-2018
- 1604 users for academic year 2018-2019
- 2035 users for academic year 2019-2020
- 417 users for academic year 2020-2021 (full year of virtual learning)

Key Performance Indicators

	Fall 2020 (n=383)	Spring 2021 (n=370)
Average Term GPA	3.10	2.86
Average Unit Load	13.18	12.72
% Full-time	81%	80%
% 15+ Units	43%	38%
% Good Academic Standing	97%	94%
% Persisted the Following Semester	96%	91%

Pop Up Food Pantry

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Pop up pantries in Academic Year

- AY 16-17: 13 Pop up pantry
- AY 17-18: 18 Pop up pantry
- AY 18-19: 18 Pop up pantry
- AY 19-20: 15 Pop up pantry
- AY 20-21: 14 Pop up pantry
 - Drive-thru capacity to limit contact and maintain the health and safety of the Hornet community
 - 1,634 boxes of food were distributed

Fall 2020 Pop Up Pantry Dates

- September 14 & 28
- October 5 & 19

- November 2 & 16
- December 7

Spring 2021 Pop Pantry Dates

- February 17
- March 1, 15 & 29
- April 12 & 26
- May 10

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

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- 2018: 75 food baskets (50 for students and 25 for non-profit organization)
- 2019: 85 food baskets (60 for students and 25 for non-profit organization)
- 2020: 230 food baskets
- Community members of 7 Non-Profits in the Greater Sacramento area each received 10 Thanksgiving Food Baskets
- Donations are were collected through 2 planned drive-thru donation events and monetarily through a fundraiser in collaboration with Sac State. These drive thru events collected enough food to fill over 60 baskets
- With the help of our community, the Thanksgiving Food Baskets Program raised \$10,485 to support students in need locally and across the nation

Demographics of Students for AY 2020-2021

Gender

66% of students were females.

34% of students were males.

Ethnicity

39% of students were Hispanic/Latinx.

26% of students were Asian/Pacific Islander.

11% of students were "Other."

18% of students were White.

6% of students were Black/African American.

1% of students were Native American.

College Level

11% of them were freshmen.

11% of them were sophomores.

24% of them were juniors.

38% of them were seniors.

16% of them were graduate students.

Top five College Majors

18 students from Psychology
16 students from Criminal Justice
15 students from Computer Science
12 students from Mechanical Engineering
12 students from Social Work

1395 – family members of students were also receiving food from the pantry for AY 18-19.
1636 – family members of students were also receiving food from the pantry for AY 19-20.
517 – family members of students were also receiving food from the pantry for AY 20-21 (full year of virtual learning).

Survey Results

I worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more.

55% of respondents said sometimes true
40% of respondents said often true

The food that I brought just didn't last and I didn't have money to get more.

55% of respondents said sometimes true
41% of respondents said often true

I couldn't afford to buy balanced meals.

41% of respondents said sometimes true
52% of respondents said often true

In the last 30 days, how many days did you cut the size of your meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

6% of respondents said 0 days.
50% of respondents said 1-5 days.
28% of respondents said 6-10 days.
12% of respondents said 11-20 days.
4% of respondents said 21-30 days.

In the last 30 days, how many days did you skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

24% of respondents said 0 days.
47% of respondents said 1-5 days.
23% of respondents said 6-10 days.
4% of respondents said 11-20 days.
1% of respondents said 21-30 days.

In the last 30 days, were you very hungry and ate less than you needed to or didn't eat at all because you didn't have enough money for food?

66% of respondents said YES.

How long have you been dealing with food insecurity?

57% of respondents said 1-3 months.

25% of respondents said 3-6 months.

7% of respondents said 6 months – 1 year.

12% of respondents said over 12 months.

Note: The USDA defines food insecurity as having "limited or uncertain access to nutritious and safe foods because of a lack of money and other resources."

How did you learn about the ASI Food Pantry?

20% of respondents said Sac State website.

17% of respondents said ASI website.

16% of respondents said word of mouth.

15% of respondents said Social Media.

14% of respondents were returning user from last year.

7% of respondents said Student Health & Counseling Services (SHCS)

6% of respondents said Other.

5% of respondents said CARES.

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