



**Fall 2010 Admission**

- **October 1–November 30, 2009**  
Apply electronically to SDSU at [www.CSUMentor.edu](http://www.CSUMentor.edu)
- **November 2009**  
Last month to take the SAT/ACT
- **January 1–March 2, 2010**  
Apply for financial aid at [www.sdsu.edu/financialaid](http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid)
- **Early February, 2010**  
Deadline to apply for SDSU scholarships at [www.sdsu.edu/scholarships](http://www.sdsu.edu/scholarships)
- **January–March, 2010**  
Admission decisions sent—check admission status at [www.sdsu.edu/portal](http://www.sdsu.edu/portal)
- **March 20, 2010**  
Explore SDSU Open House—[www.sdsu.edu/exploresdsu](http://www.sdsu.edu/exploresdsu)
- **May 1, 2010**  
Deadline to submit Intent to Enroll deposit, official transcripts and test scores
- **July 15, 2010**  
Deadline to submit final official transcripts, including spring grades

SDSU is not accepting freshmen applications for spring admission.

**For more information:**

SDSU Office of Admissions  
[www.sdsu.edu/admissions](http://www.sdsu.edu/admissions)  
(619) 594-6336  
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Prospective Students  
[www.sdsu.edu/prospective](http://www.sdsu.edu/prospective)

SDSU General Catalog  
[www.sdsu.edu/catalog](http://www.sdsu.edu/catalog)

**First-Time Freshman Admission**

Thank you for your interest in San Diego State University! This information sheet provides details about SDSU’s admissions process. Please contact the Office of Admissions if you have additional questions.

**Admission to SDSU**

Due to the severity of the California state budget, all first-time freshmen applicants will be admitted to the pre-major (including undeclared) in which they applied. There will be a limited number of enrollment slots in each pre-major.

Applicants will be ranked by their Eligibility Index, which is a combination of GPA and SAT/ACT test scores. In addition, students must complete the pattern of college preparatory curriculum (“a-g” courses) by the end of spring 2010.

SDSU service-area applicants will be assigned a credit to increase their eligibility so SDSU can maintain its traditional balance of out-of-area to in-area students. Students are in SDSU’s service area if they graduate from a high school in San Diego County located south of State Route 56 and extending eastward AND Imperial County high schools.

Fall admission is based on self-reported information. Your admission will be rescinded if your GPA, test scores or course grades are lower than what is reported on the application. Please make sure to report accurate information.

First-time freshmen from outside SDSU’s service area are required to live in on-campus housing their first year.

**Online Application**

The preferred method of application is through [www.CSUMentor.edu](http://www.CSUMentor.edu). If you cannot apply online, contact the Office of Admissions to make special arrangements to apply electronically with campus assistance.

**Using CSUMentor, you can:**

- Plan for college as early as middle school to begin meeting CSU admission requirements.
- Use the “High School Planner” to help you plan and track your high school courses to meet the CSU high school subject requirements. All coursework saved to your High School Planner will automatically fill in the corresponding sections on your CSUMentor online application.
- Use the “Explore Campuses” option to learn more about SDSU’s students, majors and programs offered; clubs and organizations; admission standards and selection process; campus environment; facilities; and athletics.
- Obtain college financing information and apply for financial aid.

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## CSU Grade Point Average

All grades earned in “a-g” approved courses taken in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are used to calculate your grade point average. See your counselor for approved courses. Honors points for A, B and C grades will be awarded for a maximum of eight semester courses taken in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, including up to two IB or AP courses, or honors courses with 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade content taken in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

## First-Time Freshmen Eligibility Index

The eligibility index is the combination of your high school grade point average and your test score on either the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT Reasoning Test) or the American College Test (ACT).

You can calculate your eligibility index by multiplying your CSU grade point average by 800 and adding your combined critical reading and math scores on the SAT Reasoning Test. Or, if you took the ACT, multiply your grade point average by 200 and add ten times the composite score from the ACT.

$$\left( \frac{\text{High School GPA}}{\text{High School GPA}} \times 800 \right) + \frac{\text{SAT Reasoning Score}}{\text{SAT Reasoning Score}} = \frac{\text{Eligibility Index}}{\text{Eligibility Index}}$$

$$\left( \frac{\text{High School GPA}}{\text{High School GPA}} \times 200 \right) + (10 \times \frac{\text{ACT Score}}{\text{ACT Score}}) = \frac{\text{Eligibility Index}}{\text{Eligibility Index}}$$

## Cost of Undergraduate Attendance

All students, regardless of residency status, pay registration fees. Non-residents of California pay tuition of \$372 per unit in addition to these fees. The following example shows the estimated 9-month costs for a student from California living in university housing and taking 15 units per semester in 2009/10:

Registration fees	\$4,902
Books and supplies	1,638
On-campus housing and food	11,485
Transportation	1,320
Miscellaneous costs	2,657
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>\$22,002*</b>

**Note:** These costs are subject to change without notice.

\*As of September 2009

## First-Time Freshmen College Preparatory Curriculum

As a first-time freshman applicant, you must complete, with grades of C or higher, the 15-unit comprehensive “a-g” pattern of college preparatory courses.

- **English:** 4 years. Literature and/or composition course acceptable.
- **Mathematics:** 3 years. Algebra I, geometry, and algebra II. Other advanced courses that require algebra and geometry as prerequisites are also acceptable. Computer programming courses do not fulfill the math requirements. A fourth year of mathematics is highly recommended.
- **Social Science:** 2 years, including one year of U.S. history and government.
- **Laboratory Science:** 2 years. 1 year biology and 1 year physical science.
- **Foreign Language:** 2 years of the same language. (Subject to waiver for applicants demonstrating equivalent competence.)
- **Visual and Performing Arts:** 1 year. Visual art, dance, drama/ theatre, or music. (Must be a year-long visual and performing arts course in a single area.)
- **Electives:** 1 year. College preparatory courses selected from English, advanced mathematics, social studies, history, laboratory science, agriculture, and foreign language.

## Placement Test Requirements

All SDSU students must have fulfilled the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) and the Entry-Level Math (ELM) requirements by May 2010. Your SAT, ACT, Augmented California Standards Test, or other standardized test scores may fulfill these requirements. If not, you must take the EPT and/or the ELM at any CSU campus as soon as possible. For more information, call (619) 594-5216 or visit [www.sdsu.edu/freshmen](http://www.sdsu.edu/freshmen).