

Fall 2010 Admission

- November 2009
Last month to take the SAT/ACT
- October 1–November 30, 2009
Apply electronically to SDSU at www.CSUMentor.edu
- January 1–March 2, 2010
Apply for financial aid at www.sdsu.edu/financialaid
- Early February, 2010
Deadline to apply for SDSU scholarships at www.sdsu.edu/scholarships
- January–March, 2010
Admission decisions sent check admission status at www.sdsu.edu/portal
- March 20, 2010
Explore SDSU Open House 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.

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Out-of-State First-Time Freshmen

Thank you for your interest in San Diego State University! San Diego State is part of the California State University (CSU) system, which is the largest, the most diverse, and one of the most affordable university systems in the country. This information sheet provides details about SDSU's admission process.

All first-time freshmen applicants must complete the “a-g” course pattern of college preparatory curriculum (see back).

Admission for Out-of-State Freshmen

You will be ranked among all freshmen applicants and admitted if you meet SDSU's competitive eligibility index criteria (see back to calculate your eligibility index). For fall 2009, the average eligibility index of admitted freshmen who graduate from high school outside SDSU's local service area who met the selective criteria was 4,228 (1,024 if based on ACT). The average high school grade point average was 3.81. The average SAT Reasoning Test total score was 1,179; the average ACT composite score was 26. The eligibility index for fall 2010 may be higher.

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 Your admission will be rescinded if your GPA, test scores or course grades are lower than what is reported on the application, if you receive lower than a C grade in coursework taken during senior year, or if you miss any admission deadlines.

Online Application

The preferred method of application is through 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.

Why SDSU?

- San Diego's urban, coastal and mountain access, beautiful weather, blue skies and sandy beaches give San Diego State University students a unique college experience.
- SDSU, one of the largest universities in California, is known for academic excellence and diversity of its students, faculty and staff.
- More than 190 international programs in 44 different countries are connected to the university, giving students opportunities to study abroad.
- The San Diego Trolley, which has a transit station on the SDSU campus, enables students to navigate San Diego without the worry of needing a car.
- SDSU ranks tenth in the nation for the most bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics and for bachelor's degrees awarded to minorities.

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California State University Grade Point Average

All grades earned in “a-g” approved courses taken in 10th-12th 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 11th and 12th grades, including up to two IB or AP courses, or honors courses with 11th or 12th grade content taken in the 10th 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.

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

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

Cost of Undergraduate Attendance

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

Registration fees	\$4,902
Tuition	11,160
Books and supplies	1,638
On-campus housing and food	11,485
Transportation	1,320
Miscellaneous costs	2,657
Total costs	\$33,162*

Fees for SDSU are among the lowest in the nation for a four-year public university, which means that the affordable cost of attendance allows college dollars (including financial aid and scholarship money) to go much further.

Note: These costs are subject to change without notice.

*As of August 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. Courses in journalism and speech/debate are not 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 fulfill the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) and the Entry-Level Math (ELM) requirements. 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 or take the exam at a local testing office or high school as soon as possible. For more information, call (619) 594-5216 or visit www.sdsu.edu/freshmen.