

# Graduate Division

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## Organization and Administration

The Graduate Division is under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Provost whose administrative officer is the Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate Division. In coordination with the Graduate Council, the Division has responsibility for all graduate curricula and policy matters governing graduate study at San Diego State University. The Dean of the Graduate Division serves as chair of the Graduate Council.

The Graduate Division admits all students to the University and to authorized graduate degree curricula, determines students' eligibility to continue in such curricula and, in the cases of unsatisfactory performance, requires students to withdraw from graduate curricula and the University.

The Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate Division is the appropriate University authority for the administration of all matters related to graduate admissions, academic status, and graduate degree curricula, minimum requirements for which are specified in Section 40510 of the *California Code of Regulations*.

## Association Membership

San Diego State University is a member of the Western Association of Graduate Schools and the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States.

## Degrees Offered

All master's degrees are conferred by the Trustees of The California State University upon recommendation of the faculty of San Diego State University. These degree programs provide instruction for graduate students in the liberal arts and sciences, in applied fields, and in the professions, including the teaching profession.

Doctor of Philosophy degrees and a professional doctorate (Au.D.) degree are awarded jointly by the Board of Regents of the University of California and the Board of Trustees of The California State University in the names of San Diego State University and the cooperating campus of the University of California; in Education, jointly by the Board of Trustees of The California State University and the Board of Fellows of Claremont Graduate University. The Doctor of Education degree (Ed.D.) is awarded jointly by the Board of Trustees of The California State University and the Trustees of the University of San Diego in the names of San Diego State University and the University of San Diego.

### Doctor of Philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is offered in the following fields:

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| Biology               | Engineering Sciences/Applied Mechanics |
| Chemistry             | Geography                              |
| Clinical Psychology   | Language and Communicative Disorders   |
| Computational Science | Mathematics and Science Education      |
| Ecology               | Public Health/Epidemiology             |
| Education             |  |

### Doctor of Education

The Doctor of Education degree is offered in the following fields:

Educational Technology  
Teaching and Learning

### Professional Doctorate

The professional doctorate degree is offered in the following field:

Audiology

### Master's Degrees

Master of Business Administration  
Master of City Planning  
Master of Engineering  
Master of Music  
Master of Public Administration  
Master of Public Health  
Master of Social Work

### Master of Fine Arts

The Master of Fine Arts degree is offered in the following fields:

Art  
Creative Writing  
Theatre Arts

### Master of Arts

The Master of Arts degree is offered in the following fields:

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| Anthropology            | French                    | Physics                                   |
| Art                     | Geography                 | Political Science                         |
| Asian Studies           | History                   | Psychology                                |
| Biology                 | Interdisciplinary Studies | Rhetoric and Writing Studies              |
| Chemistry               | Kinesiology               | Sociology                                 |
| Communication           | Latin American Studies    | Spanish                                   |
| Communicative Disorders | Liberal Arts and Sciences | Television, Film and New Media Production |
| Economics               | Linguistics               | Theatre Arts                              |
| Education               | Mathematics               | Women's Studies                           |
| English                 | Music                     |   |
|                         | Philosophy                |   |

### Master of Science

The Master of Science degree is offered in the following fields:

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| Accountancy                | Computational Science            | Mechanical Engineering    |
| Aerospace Engineering      | Computer Science                 | Microbiology              |
| Applied Mathematics        | Counseling                       | Nursing                   |
| Astronomy                  | Criminal Justice and Criminology | Nutritional Sciences      |
| Bioengineering             | Electrical Engineering           | Physics                   |
| Biology                    | Exercise Physiology              | Psychology                |
| Biomedical Quality Systems | Geography                        | Public Health             |
| Business Administration    | Geological Sciences              | Radiological Health       |
| Chemistry                  | Gerontology                      | Physics                   |
| Child Development          | Interdisciplinary Studies        | Regulatory Affairs        |
| Civil Engineering          |                                  | Rehabilitation Counseling |
|                            |                                  | Statistics                |

### Concurrent Degrees

Concurrent degrees are offered in the following fields:

Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor  
Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies  
Master of Public Health and Master of Social Work  
Master of Science in Nutritional Science and  
Master of Science in Exercise Physiology  
Master of Social Work and Juris Doctor

## Admission to Graduate Study

Admission to San Diego State University for graduate study is a competitive process and open to those applicants who the University judges to be fully qualified to benefit from graduate study. The requirements listed below are the minimum required for admission to the University. Many programs have established additional requirements. Potential applicants should refer to the *Bulletin of the Graduate Division* under the departmental listings. Students in their final baccalaureate year who are contemplating graduate study are also advised to contact the departmental offices as soon as possible for information and advice. Some departments stop reviewing applications earlier than others because space is limited.

### Application Procedures

Applicants for postbaccalaureate study (that is, advanced degree applicants, those seeking credentials or advanced certificates, and those interested in taking courses for personal or professional reasons) must file a complete application within the appropriate filing period. A complete application for graduate study includes the graduate and postbaccalaureate admission application, GRE or GMAT scores, plus supplementary materials determined by individual departments. Postbaccalaureate applicants, including those who completed undergraduate degree requirements and were graduated from this University, are also required to complete and submit an application and the \$55.00 nonrefundable application fee. Since applicants for graduate programs may be limited to the choice of a single CSU campus on each application, approvals for redirection to alternative campuses or later changes of campus choice will be minimal. Graduate applicants who wish to be **assured** of initial consideration by more than one campus must submit separate applications (including fees) to each. Online applications are available at <http://www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp/>.

If necessary, paper applications should be sent to:

Graduate Admissions  
San Diego State University  
San Diego, CA 92182-8225

### General Admission Requirements

Applicants for any type of graduate study at San Diego State University must: (a) hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association or have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by the Graduate Dean; (b) have attained a grade point average of at least 2.85 (when A equals 4) in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted (this calculation may not include lower division courses taken after award of a baccalaureate degree); and (c) have been in good standing at the last institution attended. Applicants who do not qualify for admission under provisions (a) and (b) may be admitted by special action if the Graduate Dean determines that there is other academic or professional evidence sufficient to warrant such action. **The Graduate Division is the only official admissions authority for graduate study at San Diego State University. See Bulletin of the Graduate Division for further details.**

Members of the faculty of San Diego State University holding appointments at or above the rank of instructor or lecturer may not be candidates for degrees at this University. Faculty may register for courses in accordance with Graduate Division policies.

## Admission Categories

Applicants seeking admission to graduate study at San Diego State University must apply and be accepted in one of the following categories:

### Postbaccalaureate Standing (Unclassified)

Students may not be admitted as unclassified graduate students. Students must apply to a degree, credential, or certificate program to be admitted.

### Postbaccalaureate Standing (Classified)

A student wishing to be admitted to a program leading to a credential **only** or to an advanced certificate **only** (not an advanced degree) must meet the criteria specified under General Admission Requirements. A student must also meet the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards prescribed by the appropriate department and the Graduate Council. The applicant should consult the department involved for information concerning specific admission requirements and should submit a departmental application during the appropriate filing period. Admission with postbaccalaureate standing (classified) does not constitute admission to, or assurance of consideration for admission to, advanced degree curricula.

### Graduate Standing (Classified)

A student wishing to be admitted to a program of study leading to an advanced degree must meet the criteria specified under General Admission Requirements, and, in addition, must:

- Achieve a satisfactory score on the GRE General test. (Students holding an advanced degree from an institution that is a member of the Council of Graduate Schools are exempted from this requirement; students applying to the College of Business Administration will take the Graduate Management Admission Test. See the *Bulletin of the Graduate Division* for other possible exemptions.)
- Have completed an undergraduate major appropriate to the field in which the prospective student desires to earn an advanced degree.
- Satisfy the special departmental or college requirements as stated in Part Three of the *Bulletin of the Graduate Division* under "Courses and Curricula."
- Meet the professional, personal, and scholastic standards for graduate study established by the department and the Graduate Council.

Students admitted with graduate standing (classified) are admitted to authorized advanced degree curricula and may enroll in courses numbered 600 and above. Such admission does not imply that a student will be advanced to candidacy for an advanced degree.

### Conditional Graduate Standing (Classified)

A student wishing to be admitted to a program of study leading to an advanced degree who meets the criteria specified under General Admission Requirements but who has deficiencies in the criteria for graduate standing (classified) may be granted conditional graduate standing (classified) if the deficiencies can be met by specific additional preparation, including qualifying examinations. Not more than 15 semester units may be assigned to satisfy undergraduate deficiencies in the major and all course conditions must be met within five semesters from the time of initial enrollment. Students admitted with conditional graduate standing (classified) are admitted to authorized advanced degree curricula and may enroll in 600- and 700-numbered courses. Once the conditions established by the department, school, or college have been met, the student should request that the program graduate adviser file a change of status form with the Graduate Division.

## Bulletin of the Graduate Division

Complete details on the operation and administration of these requirements, together with other information on graduate study, will be found in the *Bulletin of the Graduate Division*, which is available at the SDSU Bookstore and also available on the Web site at:

<http://coursecat.sdsu.edu/bulletin/>