College of Extended Studies

Section I.
Continuing Education

Functions
The California State University regards the credit-bearing programs offered through Extended Education as integral parts of the institution. These programs are viewed as extensions of the institution’s educational services and are in concert with the institution’s overall mission and purpose. The programs and courses in Extended Education meet the standards of quality that the institution sets for its other programs and courses, with regard to resources, faculty, level of instruction, evaluation, and support services.

The College of Extended Studies at San Diego State University serves as the principal university liaison with the adult community and provides a wide variety of traditional and nontraditional, credit and noncredit, educational experiences designed to fit the life style and expectations of lifelong learners. Under the direction of the dean of the college, programs are developed and carried out within the divisions of Extension, Professional Development, American Language Institute, and Administrative Services. The programs are operated on a self-support basis since state funds are not provided for Continuing Education activities.

Open University
Most regular on-campus courses are open to students through enrollment in Open University. Open University courses earn nonmatriculated resident credit and enrollment for students not seeking an advanced degree or advanced certificate and does not require formal admission to the university. Enrollment in courses through Open University is on a space available basis with the consent of the instructor and approval of the chair of the department in which the course is offered. Students pay College of Extended Studies fees for these units. The course repeat policy applies to courses repeated through Open University. Consult the College of Extended Studies or the current Class Schedule for complete details on Open University qualifications and registration procedures.

Open University classes may not be taken by the following:
1. Nonmatriculated foreign students (nonresidents from non-English-speaking countries) with a score of less than 550 on the English language test or its equivalent (80 iBT/213 CBT, 6.5 IELTS).
2. Foreign students with I-20 visas from another university.
3. SDSU matriculated students.
4. Disqualified students – Graduate students who have been disqualified from SDSU will not be allowed to attend Open University or classes through Special Sessions for one semester following disqualification.

Limitations on Open University, Special Sessions, and Extension Credit
Matriculated students may not enroll in courses through Open University.
Students who have not been admitted to the university may enroll in on-campus courses through Open University during the regular semester on a space available basis with the approval of the course instructor and the department chair. Courses taken through Open University prior to admission to the university may be transferred to meet graduate degree requirements with the approval of the graduate adviser and the graduate dean and are normally limited to nine units depending on the degree objective (see Transfer Credit).

Special Session programs are offered through the College of Extended Studies. A matriculated student who is not in a special sessions program may only take courses through Special Session if the course is not being offered through the regular session, if the student must take the course as part of their program of study, and if the course will not be offered again prior to the student’s planned graduation date. In these cases, if the student is taking regular session courses, he or she will have to pay special session fees and regular session fees given they are enrolled in the regular session.

Certificate Programs
A complete listing of certificate programs is in the Curricula Summary section of this bulletin.

Section II.
University Degree Programs

From time to time, the university offers specialized advanced degree programs through the College of Extended Studies designed to serve unique groups of students and the special needs of the community. These programs conform to the standards and requirements established by the Graduate Council for all graduate degree curricula. Students enrolling in these programs are fully matriculated and are expected to fulfill all of the academic requirements as described in this Bulletin, including formal admission to the university and to the individual program.

Because of the special nature of these programs, scheduling of courses may not follow the traditional semester schedule. This allows maximum flexibility in the modes, timing, and place of instruction that will best serve the needs of the participating groups. These programs are not supported by the state; correspondingly, the fee structure is different from that listed in this bulletin. Once accepted into the program, students register for classes and pay fees through the College of Extended Studies. Since these fees cover only the cost of instruction, students who desire access to such services of the associated students as health and placement will be required to pay additional fees on campus.

The following programs described in detail in Part Five of this Bulletin are currently offered through special arrangements with the College of Extended Studies. Persons interested in further information are invited to contact the program coordinator.

Master of Business Administration for Executives (M.B.A.)
A two year program designed for mid-career business executives who have substantial work and managerial experience. Classes meet on alternate Fridays and Saturdays. Approximate cost: $49,000.

Master of Business Administration with a Specialization in Sports Business Management (M.B.A.)
A 49 unit full time program in the management of sports organizations and related facilities. A four- to six-month internship in a representative organization is an integral component of the program. Elective coursework will emphasize sport and event marketing, community relations, collective bargaining, and legal issues. Approximate cost: $42,000.
Master of Arts in Educational Technology

This 30 unit program is available online. The Master of Arts degree in education with a concentration in educational technology enables students to prepare for careers as instructional technologists, educational specialists, instructional designers, trainers, and experts in educational computing. State-of-the-art coursework and internships in companies, agencies, and schools prepare candidates to analyze performance problems and design, develop, and evaluate instructional strategies and products. Students graduate with a portfolio including educational computer software, video, multimedia, print and web-based materials. Approximate cost: $20,000.

Master of Science in Biomedical Quality Systems

This 40 unit, two-year program is offered under the auspices of the Center for Bio/Pharmaceutical and Biodevice Development. The curriculum provides those with a background in the biological, chemical, and engineering sciences with a foundational understanding of quality assurance and quality control concepts, practices, and regulatory requirements for the development and manufacturing of medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and biotechnology-related products designed for human use. The curriculum addresses FDA requirements, quality planning, assurance and improvement methods in addition to validation, audit, statistical process control, and experimental design systems. Approximate program cost: $20,000.

Master of Science in Computational Science with Concentration in Professional Applications

This program focuses on professional applications of computational science. The program leads to careers in management of technology in a wide variety of fields. To enter, students must possess a bachelor’s degree with a strong mathematical background. The student must complete a graduate program of 40 units. Approximate cost: $20,000.

Master of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management

This 30 unit master’s program is designed for experienced professionals and leaders in the hospitality, tourism, and recreation industry who desire a cutting edge program while continuing to work in their current position. Crafted as a 15-month program with 80% of the coursework online and an intensive on-campus week staged at the beginning and at the end of the program, working professionals are challenged by seasoned faculty to become the next generation of leaders in the industry. The curriculum emphasizes the knowledge and concrete skills that 21st century leaders must command in order to be successful in leading hospitality, tourism, and recreation organizations into the 2020s and beyond. Approximate cost: $29,000.

Master of Science in Regulatory Affairs

A 39 unit interdisciplinary program offered under the auspices of the Center for Bio/Pharmaceutical and Biodevice Development. The curriculum is designed for regulatory affairs professionals and focuses on the laws and regulations imposed by the Federal government, especially the Food and Drug Administration. Particular concerns are related to drug discovery, development, testing, and manufacture of products for commercial distribution. Approximate cost, excluding course materials: $23,000.

Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling

A three year, 60 semester hour program, designed for currently employed rehabilitation personnel who are counselors and service providers. Courses are offered throughout the calendar year. There is extensive use of mediated technologies. Approximate cost, excluding books: $13,000.