University Policies

Student Responsibility for Catalog Information
Students are held individually responsible for the information contained in this catalog. The requirements listed in the Graduation Requirements section of the catalog are those requirements which the university will make every effort to preserve for students subject to this catalog. All other parts of the catalog, including this University Policies section, are subject to change from year to year as university rules, policies, and curricula change. Failure to keep informed of such changes will not exempt students from whatever penalties they may incur.

Changes in Rules and Policies
Although every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of the information in this catalog, students and others who use this catalog should note that laws, rules, and policies change from time to time and that certain changes may alter the information contained in this publication. Changes may come in the form of statutes enacted by the legislature, rules and policies adopted by the board of trustees of the California State University, by the chancellor or designee of the California State University, or by the president or designee of San Diego State University. It is not possible in this publication to include all of the rules, policies, and other information that pertain to students, San Diego State University, and the California State University. More current or complete information may be obtained from the appropriate department, school, or administrative office. Each semester, the Class Schedule outlines changes in academic policy and procedure and current deadlines which are of importance to students.

Nothing in this catalog shall be construed as, operate as, or have the effect of an abridgment or a limitation of any rights, powers, or privileges of the board of trustees of the California State University, the chancellor of the California State University, or the president of San Diego State University. The trustees, the chancellor, and the president are authorized by law to adopt, amend, or repeal rules and policies that apply to students. This catalog does not constitute a contract or the terms and conditions of a contract between the student and San Diego State University or the California State University. The relationship of the student to San Diego State University is one governed by statute, rules, and policy adopted by the legislature, the trustees, the chancellor, the president, and their duly authorized designees.

Privacy Rights of Students in Education Records
The federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. 1232g) and regulations adopted thereunder (34 C.F.R. 99) set out requirements designed to protect students’ privacy in their records maintained by the campus. The statute and regulations govern access to certain student records maintained by the campus and the release of such records. The law provides that the campus must give students access to most records directly related to the student, and must also provide opportunity for a hearing to challenge the records if the student claims they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate. The right to a hearing under the law does not include any right to challenge the appropriateness of a grade determined by the instructor. The law generally requires the institution to receive a student’s written consent before releasing personally identifiable data about the student. The institution has adopted a set of policies and procedures governing implementation of the statutes and the regulations. Copies of these policies and procedures may be obtained through the SDSU Office of the Registrar Web site at http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/registrar/privacy.html.

Among the types of information included in the campus statement of policies and procedures are: (1) the types of student records maintained and the information they contain; (2) the official responsible for maintaining each type of record; (3) the location of access lists indicating persons requesting or receiving information from the record; (4) policies for reviewing and expunging records; (5) student access rights to their records; (6) the procedures for challenging the content of student records; (7) the cost to be charged for reproducing copies of records; and (8) the right of the student to file a complaint with the Department of Education. The Department of Education has established an office to review board to investigate complaints and adjudicate violations. The designated office is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-5920.

The campus is authorized under the Act to release “directory information” concerning students. The Office of the Registrar releases the following: student’s name, major field of study, dates of attendance, degrees, honors, and awards received. Although federal law allows for the release of address, telephone listing, e-mail address, photograph, place and date of birth, grade level, enrollment status, previous educational institution attended, and information related to participation in athletics, San Diego State University has a practice of not routinely releasing this information. The above designated information is subject to release by the campus at any time unless the campus has received prior written objection from the student specifying what information the student requests not be released. Students are given an opportunity to restrict the release of “directory information” about themselves by accessing http://www.sdsu.edu/portal.

The campus is authorized to provide access to student records to campus officials and employees who have legitimate educational interests in such access. These persons have responsibilities in the campus’ academic, administrative or service functions and have reason for accessing student records associated with their campus or other related academic responsibilities. Student records may also be disclosed to other persons or organizations under such conditions as part of accreditation or program evaluation; in response to a court order or subpoena; in connection with financial aid; or to other institutions to which the student is transferring.

Nondiscrimination Policy
The Office of the Ombudsman, 619-594-6578, and the Office of Employee Relations and Compliance, 619-594-6464, have been designated to coordinate the efforts of SDSU to comply with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on these bases.

Race, Color, Ethnicity, National Origin, Age, and Religion
The California State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, or religion in its programs and activities, including admission and access. Federal and state laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the California Equity in Higher Education Act, prohibit such discrimination.

Disability
The California State University does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs and activities, including admission and access. Federal and state laws, including sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, prohibit such discrimination. Students should address inquiries concerning San Diego State University’s compliance with all relevant disability laws to the director of Student Disability Services (SDS), Calpulli Center, Room 3101, San Diego State University, CA 92182, or call 619-594-6473 (TDD: 619-594-2929).

Sex/Gender/Gender Identity/Sexual Orientation
The California State University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation in its programs and activities, including admission and access. Federal and state laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibit such discrimination. The California State University is committed to providing equal opportunities to male and female CSU students in all campus programs, including intercollegiate athletics.
Harassment/Sexual Harassment

Discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment and sexual violence, is prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and Title IX of the Education Act. Sexual harassment refers to the unwanted imposition of sexual attention, usually in the context of a relationship of unequal power, rank, or status, as well as the use of one's position of authority in the university to bestow benefits or impose deprivations on another. This policy applies equally to all students, faculty, and staff. Sexual harassment, or other harassment based on a person’s “protected status” includes verbal, nonverbal, and/or physical conduct that has the intent or effect of unreasonable interference with individuals’ or groups’ education or work performance. This may also include actions that create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working, or learning environment. Both men and women can be the victims of sexual harassment or harassment based on a “protected status.”

Complaints Alleging Discrimination and/or Harassment

Students, faculty, and staff who believe they are victims of discrimination and/or harassment, including sexual harassment and sexual violence, should contact the Office of Employee Relations and Compliance, 619-594-6464. The staff can explain the complaint procedures available to students, faculty, and staff on our campus. Students, faculty, and staff may also contact Jessica Rentto, SDSU Title IX Coordinator and Associate Vice President for Administration, located in Administration, Room 320, 619-594-6017, jrentto@mail.sdsu.edu. University policy, as well as state and federal law, prohibits retaliation against an individual who files a complaint of discrimination or harassment or who participates in the investigation of such a complaint. More detailed information regarding SDSU nondiscrimination policies and instructions on filing a complaint can be found at http://oerc.sdsu.edu.

Inquiries Concerning Compliance

Inquiries concerning compliance or the application of these laws to programs and activities of SDSU may be referred to the specific campus officer(s) identified above or to the Regional Director of the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education, 50 Beale Street, Suite 7200, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Immigration Requirements for Licensure

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193), also known as the Welfare Reform Act, includes provisions to eliminate eligibility for federal and state public benefits for certain categories of lawful immigrants as well as benefits for all illegal immigrants. Students who will require a professional or commercial license provided by a local, state, or federal government agency in order to engage in an occupation for which the CSU may be training them must meet the immigration requirements of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act to achieve licensure.

Numbering of Courses

Courses numbered 80 through 99 are nonbaccalaureate level and are not acceptable for a bachelor's degree; those numbered 100 through 299 are in the lower division (freshman and sophomore years); those numbered 300 through 499 are in the upper division (junior and senior years); and intended for undergraduates; those numbered 500 through 599 are in the upper division and are also acceptable for advanced degrees when taken by students admitted to graduate standing; those numbered 600 through 799 are graduate courses; and those numbered 800 through 899 are doctoral courses.

Courses numbered at the 900 level, except 997, are reserved for graduate courses in certain professional curricula as part of advanced certificate, credential, and licensure programs and are specifically intended for students admitted to the university with post-baccalaureate classified standing. Undergraduate students may enroll in these courses only if they are officially admitted to a blended program where undergraduate and credential coursework is included in the same program. Courses numbered at the 900 level are not applicable to other graduate programs.

Grading System

Definition of Grades for Undergraduate Students

Grades and grade points per unit used in reporting are as follows: Grade of A (outstanding achievement; available only for the highest accomplishment), 4 points; B (praiseworthy performance; definitely above average), 3 points; C (average; awarded for satisfactory performance; the most common undergraduate grade), 2 points; D (minimally passing; less than the typical undergraduate achievement), 1 point; F (failing), 0 points; RP (report in progress), not counted in the grade point average; W (withdrawal), not counted in the grade point average; AU (audit), no credit earned and not counted in the grade point average; CR (credit), signifying units earned, but not counted in the grade point average; NC (no credit), no credit earned and not counted in the grade point average; I (incomplete authorized), no credit earned and not counted in the grade point average until one calendar year has expired at which time it will be changed to an IC (incomplete charged) and will count as an F for grade point average computation; WU (withdrawal unauthorized), will count as an F for grade point average computation.

Definition of Grades for Graduate Students

Grades and grade points per unit used in reporting are as follows: Grade of A (outstanding achievement; available for the highest accomplishment), 4 points; B (average; awarded for satisfactory performance), 3 points; C (minimally passing), 2 points; D (unacceptable for graduate credit; course must be repeated), 1 point; F (failing), 0 points; RP (report in progress), not counted in the grade point average; W (withdrawal), not counted in the grade point average; AU (audit), no credit earned and not counted in the grade point average; CR (credit), signifying units earned, but not counted in the grade point average; NC (no credit), no credit earned and not counted in the grade point average; I (incomplete authorized), no credit earned and not counted in the grade point average until one calendar year has expired at which time it will be changed to an IC (incomplete charged) and will count as an F for grade point average computation; WU (withdrawal unauthorized), will count as an F for grade point average computation.

Plus/Minus Grading

A plus/minus grading system is utilized at San Diego State University. Plus/minus grading is not mandatory but is utilized at the discretion of the individual instructor. The grades of A+, F+ and F– are not issued. The decimal values of plus and/or minus grades are utilized in the calculation of grade point averages as follows:

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A &= 4.0 \\
A- &= 3.7 \\
B+ &= 3.3 \\
B &= 3.0 \\
B- &= 2.7 \\
C+ &= 2.3 \\
C &= 2.0 \\
C- &= 1.7 \\
D+ &= 1.3 \\
D &= 1.0 \\
F &= 0 \\
W &= 0 \\
U &= 0 \\
I &= 0 \\
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Faculty members use all grades from A through F to distinguish among levels of academic accomplishment. The grade for average undergraduate achievement is C.
Computation of Grade Point Average

To compute the grade point average, the total number of grade points earned is divided by the number of units attempted. Units earned with a Cr (Credit) are not included in the computation. A grade of I (incomplete authorized) is not counted in the grade point computation until one calendar year has expired, at which time it will be charged as an IC (incomplete charged) grade and will count as an F. The minimum GPA for a bachelor’s degree is 2.0 (C); in other words, you must have earned at least twice as many grade points as units attempted.

Report in Progress Grade – RP

The RP symbol is used in connection with courses that extend beyond one academic term. It indicates that work is in progress and has been evaluated and found to be satisfactory to date, but that assignment of a precise grade must await completion of additional work. Work is to be completed within a stipulated time period not to exceed one year except for graduate thesis (799A) or dissertation (899). Graduate courses for which the RP symbol is appropriate are specifically designated in the departmental listings of the Graduate Bulletin.

Candidates for graduation whose record carries a grade of RP will be graduated provided they are otherwise eligible for graduation. However, the RP cannot be made up after the degree has been granted. If students do not wish to be graduated with the grade of RP on their record, they must officially cancel their application for graduation.

Withdrawal Grade – W

The symbol “W” indicates that you were permitted to drop a course after the first 10 class days of the semester because of a verified serious and compelling reason, and you have obtained the signature of the instructor and the approval of the dean or designee of the college in which the class is located.

Dropping a class is not permitted after 11:59 p.m. on the 10th class day of the semester, except in cases such as accident or serious illness where the cause of dropping the class is due to circumstances clearly beyond your control, and the assignment of an incomplete is not practicable. All such requests must be accompanied by appropriate verification. Ordinarily, withdrawals in this category will involve total withdrawal from the university, except that credit, or an Incomplete, may be assigned for courses in which sufficient work has been completed to permit an evaluation to be made. Requests to withdraw under such circumstances must be signed by each instructor, who indicates your grade status in the class, and approved by the dean or designee of the college of your major.

After the last day of the semester, if you wish to change assigned grades to W grades you must request to withdraw from the full semester’s work; no requests for individual classes will be accepted. Such requests may be granted only in verified cases such as accident or serious illness where the cause for substandard performance was due to circumstances clearly beyond your control. Only those retroactive changes from an assigned grade to a W which are approved by the instructor who assigned the original grade will be made, except that (a) the dean or designee of the college of your major may authorize the change of WU to W, and (b) department chairs shall act on behalf of instructors no longer affiliated with the university.

Auditing – AU

Enrollment as an auditor is subject to permission of the instructor, provided that enrollment in a course as an auditor shall be permitted only after students otherwise eligible to enroll on a credit basis have had an opportunity to do so. Auditors are subject to the same fee structure as credit students and regular class attendance is expected. Failure to meet required class attendance may result in an administrative drop of the course. Units taken for audit are not used in the calculation of enrollment status. To enroll as an auditor, obtain the Change to Audit Grade form from the Office of the Registrar. Obtain instructor approval and return the completed form before 4 p.m. on the 12th class day of instruction to the Office of the Registrar. Once enrolled as an auditor, you may not change to credit status unless such a change is requested by 4 p.m. on the 12th class day of instruction.

Credit/No Credit – Cr/NC (Undergraduate Student Option)

An undergraduate student may elect to be graded credit/no credit in particular courses, subject to the following conditions:

1. Upper division courses graded credit/no credit (Cr/NC), whether taken at this or at another institution, may not be used to satisfy requirements for your major or minor except for those courses identified in the course listing as graded Cr/NC.

2. Courses graded credit/no credit may not be used to satisfy I. Communication and Critical Thinking and II. Foundations of Learning A.4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning sections of General Education.

3. No more than 15 units graded credit/no credit may be offered in satisfaction of the total units required in a bachelor’s degree program, except that all units accepted as transfer credit from another institution at the time of your admission may be used. If 15 or more units graded credit/no credit are transferred, you may not use additional courses graded credit/no credit to satisfy total unit requirements of your degree.

4. Units for courses required for graduation which are offered for Cr/NC only will not be counted as part of the 15 elective units of Cr/NC allowed.

5. If for any reason (change of major or minor or transfer from another institution) upper division courses graded credit/no credit are offered to satisfy requirements in the major, you may be required by the major department to pass competency examinations at an acceptable level or take prescribed alternate courses before being allowed to continue in the major.

6. Change in grading basis may be made through the SDSU WebPortal on or before the 15th day of instruction by 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: NC is not calculated in the grade point average at San Diego State University. However, some institutions, particularly for graduate admissions, calculate an NC as an F.

Incomplete Authorized Grade – I (Undergraduate Student Option)

The symbol I (incomplete authorized) indicates that a portion of required coursework has not been completed and evaluated in the prescribed time period due to unforeseen, but fully justified, reasons and that there is still a possibility of earning credit. It is your responsibility to bring pertinent information to the instructor and to reach agreement on the means by which the remaining course requirements will be satisfied. The conditions for removal of the Incomplete shall be reduced to writing by the instructor and given to you with a copy placed on file with the department chair until the Incomplete is removed or the time limit for removal has passed. A final grade is assigned when the work agreed upon has been completed and evaluated. An Incomplete shall not be assigned when the only way you could make up the work would be to attend a major portion of the class when it is next offered. Contract forms for Incomplete grades are available at department offices or the Office of the Registrar at site at http://www.sdsu.edu/registrar.

An Incomplete must be made up within one calendar year immediately following the end of the term in which it was assigned. This limitation prevails whether or not you maintain continuous enrollment. Failure to complete the assigned work within one calendar year will result in an Incomplete being converted to an IC symbol, which would become the final grade on the student’s record at the end of the calendar year deadline. After one calendar year, the only way
you may eliminate that grade from the grade point calculation to repeat the course and file a petition for course forgiveness (see Repeated Courses below). In any case, because your record must provide an accurate and complete accounting of your academic history, the notation of Incomplete will remain on the record. An incomplete may not be made up after you have graduated.

**Incomplete Charged Grade – IC**

The symbol IC (incomplete charged) may be used when a student who received an authorized incomplete I has not completed the required coursework within the allowed time limit. The IC is posted to the record at the end of the one year time limit and is counted as a failing grade for grade point average and progress point computation.

**Withdrawal Unauthorized Grade – WU**

The symbol WU indicates that you enrolled in a course, did not withdraw from the course, but failed to complete course requirements. It is used when, in the opinion of the instructor, the number of completed assignments or course activities or both were insufficient to make possible a normal evaluation of academic performance. For purposes of grade point average computation, this symbol is equivalent to an F. If the student attended a portion of a course and then, after receiving failing grades, stopped attending without officially withdrawing, a final grade of F not WU should be assigned.

**Good Standing**

Academic standing for undergraduate students at San Diego State University is determined by the grade point average a student earns in university areas. At the undergraduate level, good academic standing means that the student has an overall cumulative GPA and an SDSU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better. (Students should note that in order to graduate, they also need a GPA of 2.0 in the major.)

**Repeated Courses**

Undergraduate students may repeat courses only if they earned grades lower than a C. A student who receives a grade of C- (fewer than 2.0 grade points per unit) or lower may request that the course repeat policy for grade forgiveness be applied to that course. Students may request a maximum of 16 units for course forgiveness, with the constraint that no more than one course may be an upper division course. A course may be repeated once for course forgiveness. A 28 unit limit will be applied to repeated courses, including those in which course forgiveness has been approved.

1. In the semester in which you are repeating a course for which you want an earlier grade forgiven, you must file a Course Forgiveness request via the SDSU WebPortal. While the original grade(s) will remain on your record, the grade earned in the repeat, whether higher or lower than the original grade, will be used in place of the earlier grade in the calculation of grade point averages.
2. The course forgiveness and course repeat policy applies only to repeats of the same course (same number, same title, and, for Experimental Topics courses, same subtitle). Exceptions will be made only in those cases where the course number changes and the change is documented in the General Catalog.
3. In some cases, admission to courses may have become restricted due to impaction, limitation by major code, enforcement of prerequisites, or sequence requirements (e.g., mathematics and foreign language). In those cases, you are prohibited from repeating those courses.
4. The only courses which may be repeated Credit/No Credit are those in which you previously received No Credit; if a course previously taken for a grade is repeated Credit/No Credit, the original grade will continue to be calculated in grade point averages. Repeating courses in which the original grade was No Credit (NC) does not require the filing of the Course Forgiveness request.
5. The course forgiveness policy may be extended to courses originally taken elsewhere and repeated at San Diego State University, in which case the original transfer grade will no longer be used in the calculation of the overall grade point average. However, the course forgiveness policy applies only to courses repeated at San Diego State University.
6. The course forgiveness policy applies to courses repeated at San Diego State University in summer terms and to courses repeated through Open University during the summer term, fall and/or spring semesters.
7. If courses with C- or lower grades are repeated without course forgiveness approval or in excess of course repeat limitations, all grades for those courses will be calculated in grade point averages. Units for a course will be counted only once toward graduation, regardless of the number of repeats.
8. Course forgiveness is only applicable to undergraduate students pursuing a first bachelor’s degree.
9. Per University Senate policy, course forgiveness will not be granted if the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities finds the student guilty of academic dishonesty in that particular course.

**Assignment of Grades and Grade Appeals**

Faculty have the right and responsibility to provide evaluation and timely assignment of appropriate grades. There is a presumption that grades assigned are correct. It is the responsibility of anyone appealing an assigned grade to demonstrate otherwise.

If you believe that an appropriate grade has not been assigned you should first seek to resolve the matter with the instructor of record. If the matter cannot be resolved informally, you may present the case to the appropriate campus entity, have it reviewed and, where justified, receive a grade correction. It is your responsibility to attempt to resolve grade disputes in a timely manner, typically during the semester following the semester the questioned grade was received. If twelve or more months have elapsed since the grade was issued, or you have graduated, no grade change will be considered.

**Dean’s List**

The Dean’s List recognizes academic achievement within a single fall semester or spring semester. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, students must be in good academic standing, matriculated, and have a grade point average of at least 3.50 based on a minimum of 12 units of credit for courses in which letter grades were assigned. The computation of grade points will be made six weeks after the end of the semester to include students who complete Incomplete grades promptly.

Students will be recognized by the dean of their respective college; undeclared, interdisciplinary studies in three departments, and liberal studies majors will be listed by the dean of undergraduate studies.

**Graduation With Honors and Distinction**

Graduation with honors is granted to undergraduate students who achieve high grade point averages. Excellence is recognized at three levels:

- **cum laude** (3.50-3.64)
- **magna cum laude** (3.65-3.79)
- **summa cum laude** (3.80-4.00)

For determination of eligibility, two grade point averages are computed; both must satisfy the minimum grade point average for appropriate honors designation. They are the GPA calculated on all units taken at this institution (a minimum of 24 graded units), and the overall (cumulative) grade point average (including both SDSU and transfer units).

Grades for the final semester’s work are included in calculation of eligibility for graduation with honors. Students are tentatively designated as eligible for graduation with honors if both grade point averages meet required standards at the beginning of the fall semester for midyear graduates and at the end of the fall semester for May and summer term graduates. Notation of **cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude** on transcripts and diplomas is based on achievement when all courses for graduation are completed. Second bachelor’s degree in nursing candidates are not eligible for graduation with honors.
Upon recommendation of their major department, students doing superior work in their major field may be graduated with distinction in that field. To qualify for Distinction in the Major, a student must have a minimum 3.50 grade point average in the major (upper division courses) by the beginning of the fall semester for midyear graduates and by the end of the fall semester for May and summer term graduates. Departments may set a higher GPA or additional criteria. Second bachelor’s degree in nursing candidates are eligible for Distinction in the Major.

To be considered for computation of the major grade point average, grades for removal of incomplete and all other grade changes must be received in the Office of the Registrar no later than the end of the fifth week of the semester in which the student plans to graduate. All changes for summer term graduates must be received by the end of the fifth week of the spring semester prior to graduation.

Final Examinations
No final examination shall be given to individual students before the regular time. If you find it impossible to take a final examination on the date scheduled you must make arrangements with the instructor to have an incomplete grade reported and must take the deferred final examination within the time allowed for making up incomplete grades.

Evaluation
An evaluation is a summary of college work completed and of requirements to be completed for a bachelor’s degree. New transfer students will receive an evaluation prior to second semester registration. Transfer courses will be included, where applicable, to meet San Diego State University’s degree requirements. Students admitted as freshmen will receive an evaluation at the end of the second semester of attendance. Continuing students may request updates to the evaluation at the Academic Advising Center, located in Student Services, Room 1551 or on the SDSU WebPortal at http://www.sdsu.edu/portal.

Academic Credit Through Coursework
Credit for Upper Division Courses
Normally, only juniors, seniors and graduate students enroll in upper division courses (numbered 300 through 599). However, a freshman or sophomore may enroll in an upper division course for upper division credit if the instructor consents. Article 40405.2 of Title 5, California Code of Regulations specifically limits upper division general education credit to students who have achieved upper division status.

Community College Credit
A maximum of 70 semester units earned in a community college may be applied toward the degree, with the following limitations: (a) no upper division credit may be allowed for courses taken in a community college; (b) no credit may be allowed for professional courses in education taken in a community college, other than an introduction to education course.

Concurrent Master’s Degree Credit
The bachelor’s degree must be completed at the end of the semester or term in which the concurrent credit is earned.
A senior who has met all of the required competencies in writing and mathematics and who is within 12 units of completing requirements for the bachelor’s degree and whose grade point average in the last 60 semester units attempted is 3.0 or above may petition the Graduate Council to take for concurrent master’s degree credit 500-numbered courses listed in the Graduate Bulletin as acceptable for master’s degree programs, and certain 600- and 700-numbered courses approved by the department, with the remaining requirements for the bachelor’s degree. Petitions may be obtained from the Division of Graduate Affairs and must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar by the end of the third week of classes of the semester or term in which the concurrent credit is earned, and you must have on file a current graduation application for the bachelor’s degree. The maximum number of units which may be earned as concurrent master’s degree credit is determined by the difference between the number of units remaining for the bachelor’s degree and 15.

Concurrent Post-Baccalaureate Credit
Applicable to the Fifth Year Credential Requirement
Concurrent post-baccalaureate credit may be earned during the final semester or summer term by seniors admitted to the College of Education who meet all of the following qualifications:
1. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.85 on the last 60 units attempted.
2. Complete coursework in excess of graduation requirements during the semester (or summer term) when graduation occurs.
3. Attempt no more than 21 units during the final undergraduate semester.
4. Request no more than a maximum of 12 units of 300, 400, 500, or 900-numbered courses for post-baccalaureate credit.
5. Petition the assistant vice president for Academic Affairs.
6. Submit petition before the end of the first week of classes of the final undergraduate semester (or term) when graduation occurs.
7. Graduate at the end of the semester (or summer term) the petition is made.

Extension courses are not acceptable for concurrent post-baccalaureate credit. Concurrent post-baccalaureate credit will not be granted retroactively.

Petition forms are available in the Office of the Registrar, SS-1641.

Credit for Extension Courses
The maximum amount of extension and correspondence credit which may be accepted toward the minimum requirements for the bachelor’s degree is 24 semester units. Extension and correspondence credit are not counted in satisfaction of the minimum residence requirement. A maximum of nine units in extension courses at San Diego State University may be accepted as part of the requirements for the master’s degree, subject to limitations described in the Graduate Bulletin.

Continuing education courses offered by departments are of two kinds. The first includes regular courses listed in the General Catalog which are available for use by students in meeting college and university credit requirements of various kinds, and are usually at the upper division level. A second kind is offered by some departments at the X-01 through X-79 and X-397 level and serves to meet the needs of specific community groups.

Courses numbered 80 through 99 are nonbaccalaureate level and are not acceptable for a bachelor’s degree; those numbered 100 through 299 are in the lower division (freshman and sophomore years); those numbered 300 through 499 are in the upper division (junior and senior years) and intended for undergraduates; those numbered 500 through 599 are in the upper division and are also acceptable for advanced degrees when taken by students admitted to graduate standing; those numbered 600 through 799 are graduate courses; and those numbered 800 through 899 are doctoral courses. Courses numbered at the 900 level, except 997, are reserved for graduate courses in certain professional curricula as part of advanced certificate, credential, and licensure programs and are specifically intended for students admitted to the university with post-baccalaureate classified standing. Courses numbered at the 900 level are not applicable to other graduate programs.

Courses numbered X-01 through X-79 and X-397 are Extension professional development units offered only through Extension to meet specific academic needs of community groups and are not acceptable toward an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Academic Credit Through Examination
San Diego State University grants credit for passing scores on The College Board Advanced Placement examinations, on certain College-Level Examination Program tests, and on International Baccalaureate higher level subjects. SDSU also grants credit for locally administered credit by examination tests. A total of 30 units will be allowed for credit earned through examination (excluding Advanced Placement). The details in each case are provided in the tables in this section of the catalog.

Credit for Advanced Placement Examinations
San Diego State University grants credit toward its undergraduate degrees for successful completion of examinations of The College Board Advanced Placement Program. Students who present scores of 3 or better will be granted up to six semester units (nine quarter units) of college credit.
High school students who intend to participate in this program should make the necessary arrangements with their high schools and should indicate at the time they take the Advanced Placement examinations that their test scores be sent to San Diego State University. To obtain credit and advanced placement, you should contact the Office of Advising and Evaluations.

The Advanced Placement Credit table in this section of the catalog indicates the units granted for the score attained and the course equivalents for each of the examinations offered.

Credit for College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

The university grants credit on 33 CLEP Subject Examinations. See the Academic Credit Through Examination table in this section of the catalog.

Credit for International Baccalaureate Certificates or Diplomas

San Diego State University normally grants six units of credit for each International Baccalaureate Higher Level subject examination passed with a score of 4 or better. To receive credit, you must request that your International Baccalaureate transcript of grades be sent to San Diego State University’s Office of Advising and Evaluations.

The International Baccalaureate Credit table identifies established course equivalencies. Subject examinations not listed in the table will be evaluated for appropriate course credit by the departmental adviser.

Credit by SDSU Examinations

Students may challenge courses by taking examinations developed at San Diego State University. Up to 30 units will be awarded to those who pass the examinations successfully, and the grade(s) earned, including F, will be used in San Diego State University grade point calculations. At the discretion of the department a grade of Cr/NC may be awarded instead of a letter grade; a maximum of 15 total Cr units may be applied toward an undergraduate degree.

If you are interested in applying for credit by examination you need to check with the appropriate department(s) since each department has the option of excluding any or all of its courses from credit by examination or of setting special conditions on the student requesting this option.

Approval to receive undergraduate credit by examination is granted at the discretion of the appropriate college authorities and under the following conditions:
1. You must be matriculated, in good standing (not on probation), be enrolled at the university, and submit a SMART or AARTS transcript, Form DD-214 or DD-295.
2. You must register in the course for which credit by examination is authorized, and pay for additional units if cost exceeds fees already paid.
3. Approval of the department chair and the dean of the college concerned is required prior to taking the examination. Forms for approval may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.
4. Credit by examination is restricted to regular undergraduate courses listed in the General Catalog, does not include 600- and 700-numbered or Extension courses, and does not count toward the 30-unit minimum residency requirement.
5. Credit by examination is not treated as part of your study load and, therefore, is not considered by the Veterans Administration in the application of their regulations; and is not always accepted as transfer credit between collegiate institutions.
6. Credit by examination is restricted to the regular summer, fall, or spring semester.

Academic Credit for Non-Collegiate Instruction

San Diego State University grants undergraduate degree credit for successful completion of non-collegiate instruction, either military or civilian, appropriate to the baccalaureate degree, that has been recommended by the Commission on Educational Credit and Credentials of the American Council on Education. The number of units allowed are those recommended in the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services and the National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs.

Credit will be considered to be elective units in most cases. Petitions for acceptance of credits toward specific requirements are available in the Office of the Registrar. Applicability to specific degree requirements (General Education, major, minor, etc.) is subject to approval of the appropriate campus authority.

Academic Credit for Military Service

The university is guided by the recommendations of the American Council on Education in granting undergraduate credit toward the bachelor’s degree for military service. Postgraduate credit is not granted.

To obtain credit for military service, you must be fully matriculated, be enrolled at the university, and submit a SMART or AARTS transcript, Form DD-214 or DD-295.

Student Classification

A matriculated student is one who has complied with all requirements for admission to the university and has received an official notice of admission. All students taking courses in any regular semester must be matriculated students.

Freshman. A student who has earned a total of fewer than 30 semester units.
Sophomore. A student who has earned a total of 30 to 59 semester units, inclusive.
Junior. A student who has earned a total of 60 to 89 semester units, inclusive.
Senior. A student who has earned a total of 90 semester units or more.
Graduate. A student who has completed a four-year college course with an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and who has been admitted to the university with post-baccalaureate standing. For information on classification of graduate students, see the Graduate Bulletin.

Transcripts of Record

Official Transcripts

Official transcripts can be ordered online in your SDSU WebPortal at http://www.sdsu.edu/portal under the Official Transcript section. If all your coursework was completed prior to 1987 or if your transcript requires special handling (e.g. via United States Postal Service Priority or Express Mail only), you will need to order official transcripts by completing an Official Transcript Request form and submitting it to the University Cashiers Office. A fee is charged for all transcripts and must be paid in advance. An official transcript is usually mailed within five to seven business days after the request is processed by the Cashiers Office, unless a hold has been indicated. Transcripts from other schools or colleges become the property of this university and will not be released or copied.

Unofficial Transcripts

You may print an unofficial SDSU transcript by accessing the SDSU WebPortal at http://www.sdsu.edu/portal. If all of your SDSU coursework has been taken since fall 1987, your entire record will be available on the Web. If you completed coursework at SDSU prior to fall 1987, you must contact the Office of the Registrar to obtain an unofficial transcript reflecting that portion of your record. Unofficial transcripts do not bear the seal of the university and are not suitable for transfer purposes.

Full-Time Student Status

Full-time student status for undergraduates at SDSU is 12 units per semester. Full-time enrollment for a graduate student is nine units of coursework numbered 500 through 999. Units taken for audit are not used in the calculation of enrollment status. You can obtain verification of your enrollment from the Office of the Registrar by either of the following methods: (1) in person with proper photo identification in Student Services, Room 1641; (2) by mailing the request with your authorization and signature, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Office of the Registrar, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182-7453. You may also view your enrollment status and/or print a verification form by accessing your SDSU WebPortal at http://www.sdsu.edu/portal and selecting the Enrollment Verification option which will link you to the National Student Clearinghouse.
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# Only one of these examinations can be used in Foundations of Learning: Social and Behavioral Sciences.
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* Credit may not be earned at SDSU for courses which duplicate credit already allowed for examinations as listed under SDSU course equivalents.
** Maximum combined credit six units allowed for Computer Science A and AB examinations.
*** Student must also take Music Placement Examination.
**** Satisfies the language requirement.
University Policies

Schedule Adjustment

Schedule adjustment includes: dropping a class, adding a class, adding or reducing units of a class for which the student is already registered, changing a section of the same class, withdrawing from the university, or changing grading options. Students should check their online schedules regularly and take necessary action to add or drop during the schedule adjustment period. Students who do not attend a class and who do not ensure that the course is officially dropped in the WebPortal schedule adjustment period. Students who do not attend a class and schedules regularly and take necessary action to add or drop during the semester and are not present at the start of the second meeting, the instructor may request that you personally take formal action to drop the class. Not all instructors will drop students who miss the first class session and the beginning of the second class session. Students are responsible for checking the accuracy of their schedules by the deadline and making any necessary adjustments to ensure their schedule is correct.

Students are not permitted to drop or add a class after the stated deadlines, except in cases such as accident or serious illness where the cause of dropping the class is due to circumstances clearly beyond the student's control and the assignment of an Incomplete is not practicable. All such requests must be accompanied by appropriate verification. Ordinarily, withdrawals in this category will involve total withdrawal from the university, except that credit, or an Incomplete, may be assigned for courses in which sufficient work has been completed to permit an evaluation to be made. Requests to withdraw under such circumstances must be signed by each instructor, who indicates your grade status in the class, and approved by the dean (or designee) of the college of the student's major.
Study List Limits

A unit or credit hour represents 50 minutes of lecture or recitation combined with two hours of preparation per week throughout one semester of 16 weeks. Two hours of activity (as in exercise and nutritional sciences) or three hours of laboratory (as in the sciences) are equivalent to one hour of lecture.

During initial registration, students can enroll in a maximum of 17 units. During the add-drop period, this limit is removed. You are strongly advised to consider all aspects of your situation before adding additional courses. If you work or have family obligations that will limit the time you can devote to your studies, you are strongly urged to reduce the number of units you attempt each semester.

You should expect to spend a total of three hours per week, in class and study time, for each unit of college work attempted. A normal 16-unit load, therefore, represents a 48-hour week. You should also keep in mind that some courses require more than the average amount of time, and that your workload in all courses will vary throughout the semester as examinations and major papers or projects come due.

Change of Major

Based on your application for admission, you are admitted to a premajor or designated as a pre-undeclared major. If, after registration, you wish to change your major, you should check with the department of your intended major for requirements and filing periods.

Change of Major forms are available at the Office of the Registrar and require approval of the change by the new major department. After approval, return the form to the Office of the Registrar. You will be required to meet the major and minor requirements stated in the General Catalog that are in effect when you submit your change or declaration.

If you are admitted to a premajor, you must complete specific requirements before you will be admitted to the major. Requirements are described in the section of this catalog on Courses and Curricula, or you may contact the major department for information. Requirements are also described in the specific major department section of this catalog. If you are a veteran using veteran benefits, you must obtain appropriate approval from the Veterans Administration for necessary changes in letters of eligibility.

Academic Renewal

Under certain circumstances the campus may disregard up to two semesters or three quarters of previous undergraduate coursework taken at any college from all considerations associated with requirements for the baccalaureate degree. These circumstances are:

1. All degree requirements, except the earning of at least a C (2.0) grade point average, have or will soon have been met;
2. The student has formally requested such action and has presented evidence that work completed in the term(s) under consideration is substantial and not representative of present scholastic ability and level of performance; and
3. The level of performance represented by the term(s) under consideration was due to extenuating circumstances.

Final determination that one or more terms shall be disregarded shall be based upon a careful review of evidence by a committee appointed by the president which shall include designee of the chief academic officer and consist of at least three members. Such final determination shall be made only when:

1. Five years have elapsed since the most recent work to be disregarded was completed; and
2. The student has earned in residence at the campus since the most recent work being considered was completed, 15 semester units with at least a 2.5 GPA, or 45 semester units with at least a 2.0 GPA. Work completed at another institution cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

When such action is taken, the student's permanent academic record shall be annotated so that it is readily evident to all users of the record that NO work taken during the disregarded term(s), even if satisfactory, has been applied towards the meeting of degree requirements. However, all work must remain legible on the record ensuring a true and complete academic history.

The procedure for filing for Academic Renewal is as follows:

1. Discuss the situation with the Assistant Dean in the Division of Undergraduate Studies.
2. Write a letter to the Academic Renewal Committee describing the extenuating circumstances.
3. Obtain statements from doctors, lawyers, employers, parents, professors, or other appropriate persons to substantiate your claim that the request is justified.
4. Return all materials to the Division of Undergraduate Studies, Administration, Room 101.

University policy regarding academic renewal is not intended to permit the improvement of a student's grade point average beyond what is required for graduation.

Withdrawals

Official Withdrawal

Students who find it necessary to cancel their registration or to withdraw from the university after enrolling for any academic term must initiate action formally through the Office of the Registrar and follow the university's official withdrawal procedures. Failure to follow formal university procedures may result in an obligation to pay fees as well as the assignment of failing grades in all courses and the need to apply for readmission before being permitted to enroll in another academic term. Information on canceling registration and withdrawal procedures is available from the Office of the Registrar.

A student who has not paid fees and is not enrolled in at least one class (other than for audit) by 11:59 p.m. on the 12th class day of the semester is no longer considered a continuing student and may be required to apply for readmission.

A course will not appear on the permanent record if withdrawal occurs before the end of the 10th class day of the semester by 11:59 p.m. After the 10th class day of the semester, withdrawals are not permitted except in cases where the cause of withdrawal is due to circumstances clearly beyond your control, such as accident or serious illness. All such requests must be accompanied by appropriate verification. Credit or an incomplete may be assigned for courses in which sufficient work has been completed to permit an evaluation to be made. Refer to the Class Schedule for appropriate dates for the deadlines indicated above.

Withdraw Retroactively

After the last day of instruction for a term, if you wish to change assigned grades to W grades, you must request to withdraw from the full semester's work; no requests for individual classes will be accepted. Such requests may be granted only in verified cases such as accident or serious illness where the cause for substandard performance was due to circumstances clearly beyond your control.

Students who receive financial aid funds must consult with the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships prior to withdrawing from the university regarding any required return or repayments of grant or loan assistance received for that academic term or payment period. If a recipient of student financial aid funds withdraws from the institution during an academic term or a payment period, the amount of grant or loan assistance received may be subject to return and/or repayment provisions.

Unofficial Withdrawal

If you withdraw unofficially from classes or from the university, you will receive failing grades in all courses that you stop attending. An unofficial withdrawal is one in which you stop attending classes without filing official withdrawal forms within the established deadlines.

Veterans unofficially withdrawing will have veteran's allowances immediately suspended and will be subject to full repayment of allowances received after date of unofficial withdrawal.
Leaves of Absence

One-Semester Stop Out
With certain exceptions, matriculated undergraduate and graduate students may stop out of the university one semester in a calendar year and maintain their continuing student status. Continuing status includes the maintenance of catalog requirements for graduation. Disqualified students, students absent for more than one semester without an approved leave of absence, and those who attend another institution for more than one semester must apply for readmission should they wish to return to San Diego State University. Students who are disqualified are not eligible for a one-semester stop out.

Educational Leave of Absence
Students are permitted to take up to four semesters of approved leave of absence. An educational leave of absence is appropriate in those cases where students will be engaged for the majority of the leave time in an activity, other than attending an accredited college or university, that is directly related to their formal academic careers or otherwise contributes to specific academic goals. Students must apply for the particular semester they wish to be absent from school. If they wish to take leave for additional semesters, they must do so on a semester-by-semester basis. Students may request a leave of absence at http://www.sdsu.edu/portal.

The academic calendar lists specific deadlines. For students participating in the CSU visitors’ program, units completed at the visitor campus will be considered resident units; they will not, however, be counted into the San Diego State University grade point average.

Approval for educational leaves of absence will be granted only to undergraduate students who have completed a minimum of one semester at San Diego State University who are in good academic standing, and who are eligible to register. Leaves will not be granted to students on probation, students who are subject to disqualification, or have been disqualified, students who qualify for a change from undergraduate to graduate status, or students who have a registration hold.

Military Called to Compulsory Service
For information about the policy for Military Called to Compulsory Service, contact the SDSU Veterans Center at 619-594-5813.

Readmission

Information on readmission is given in the section of this catalog on Admission and Registration, page 16.

Probation and Disqualification

Academic Probation
The purpose of probation is to warn students that their academic performance is below the state minimum required for graduation and to indicate that improvement is required before a degree can be granted.

An undergraduate student whose grade point average falls below a C average (2.0) for either all baccalaureate level college work attempted or all work attempted at San Diego State University will be placed on academic probation at the end of the semester.

Provided a student earns a C average (2.0) or better in San Diego State University work during the semester while on academic probation, academic probation may be continued up to a maximum of three semesters.

Academic probation will be lifted when the student has attained a C (2.0) average or better on all baccalaureate level college work attempted and on all work attempted at San Diego State University.

Summer term and Open University courses are included in the SDSU grade point average; Extension courses are calculated only in the overall grade point average.

Grade point average is computed by dividing the number of grade points accumulated by the number of graded units attempted (see chart under Plus/Minus Grading for number of grade points assigned per unit in each grade category).

Academic Disqualification

Students who are admitted to SDSU in good standing will not be disqualified at the end of their first semester of coursework at San Diego State University. After the first semester, students will be disqualified at the end of the fall or spring semesters if the following conditions exist:

1. A student on probation fails to earn at least a 2.0 grade point average (C average) in San Diego State University work for any semester while on probation, or
2. A student on academic probation still has less than a 2.0 grade point average in all work attempted at San Diego State University at the end of the third semester on probation.

Students who have been disqualified from SDSU will not be allowed to attend regular or Open University classes, or classes through the SDSU College of Extended Studies Special Sessions until one year from the date of their disqualification. Students must also reapply for admission to the university and gain acceptance before resuming enrollment in regular SDSU classes after that one year.

Administrative-Academic Probation

An undergraduate or graduate student may be placed on administrative-academic probation by action of appropriate campus officials for any of the following reasons:

1. Withdrawal from all or a substantial portion of a program of studies in two successive terms or in any three terms.
2. Repeated failure to progress toward the stated degree or objective or other program objective, including that resulting from assignment of 15 units of No Credit (when such failure appears to be due to circumstances within the control of the student).
3. Failure to comply, after due notice, with an academic requirement or regulation, as defined by campus policy, which is routine for all students or a defined group of students (examples: failure to list all colleges attended on the application for admission, failure to take placement tests, failure to complete a required practicum, failure to comply with professional standards appropriate to the field of study, failure to complete a specified number of units as a condition for receiving student financial aid or making satisfactory progress in the academic program).

Administrative-Academic Disqualification

A student who has been placed on administrative-academic probation may be disqualified from further attendance if:

1. The conditions for removal of administrative-academic probation are not met within the period specified.
2. The student becomes subject to administrative-academic probation while on administrative probation.
3. The student becomes subject to administrative-academic probation for same or similar reason for which the student has been placed on administrative-academic probation previously, although not currently in such status.

In addition, an appropriate campus administrator may disqualify a student who at any time during enrollment has demonstrated behavior so contrary to the standards of the profession for which the student is preparing as to render him/her unfit for the profession. In such cases, disqualification will occur immediately upon notice to the student, which shall include an explanation of the basis for the action, and the campus may require the student to discontinue enrollment as of the date of the notification.

Students who have been disqualified from SDSU will not be allowed to attend regular, or Open University, or classes through the SDSU College of Extended Studies Special Sessions until one year from the date of their disqualification. Students must also reapply for admission to the university and gain acceptance before resuming enrollment in regular SDSU classes after that one year.
Student-Athlete Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirement

In order to remain eligible for intercollegiate competition, a student-athlete must be enrolled in an academic program leading to a recognized degree, and must be making satisfactory progress toward that degree under the rules of the institution and the NCAA.

Student Conduct

Inappropriate conduct by students or by applicants for admission is subject to discipline on the San Diego State University campus. The Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities coordinates the discipline process and establishes standards and procedures in accordance with regulations contained in Sections 41301, 41302, 41304 of Title 5, California Code of Regulations. These sections are as follows:

41301. Standards for Student Conduct.

(a) Campus Community Values

The university is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy living and learning environment for students, faculty, and staff. Each member of the campus community should choose behaviors that contribute to this end. Students are expected to be good citizens and to engage in responsible behaviors that reflect well upon their university, to be civil to one another and to others in the campus community, and contribute positively to student and university life.

(b) Grounds for Student Discipline

Student behavior that is not consistent with the Student Conduct Code is addressed through an educational process that is designed to promote safety and good citizenship and, when necessary, impose appropriate consequences.

The following are the grounds upon which student discipline can be based:

1. Dishonesty, including:
   - Cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic dishonesty that are intended to gain unfair academic advantage.
   - Furnishing false information to a university official, faculty member, or campus office.
   - Forgery, alteration, or misuse of a university document, key, or identification instrument.
   - Misrepresenting one’s self to be an authorized agent of the university or one of its auxiliaries.

2. Unauthorized entry into, presence in, use of, or misuse of university property.

3. Willful, material and substantial disruption or obstruction of a university-related activity, or any on-campus activity.

4. Participating in an activity that substantially and materially disrupts the normal operations of the university, or infringes on the rights of members of the university community.

5. Willful, material and substantial obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or other traffic, on or leading to campus property or an off-campus university related activity.

6. Disorderly, lewd, indecent, or obscene behavior at a university related activity, or directed toward a member of the university community.

7. Conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person within or related to the university community, including physical abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, or sexual misconduct.

8. Hazing, or conspiracy to haze. Hazing is defined as any method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or student body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury to any former, current, or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university or other educational institution in this state (Penal Code 245.6), and in addition, any act likely to cause physical harm, personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm, to any former, current, or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university or other educational institution. The term “hazing” does not include customary athletic events or school sanctioned events. Neither the express or implied consent of a victim of hazing, nor the lack of active participation in a particular hazing incident is a defense. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing is not a neutral act, and is also a violation of this section.

9. Use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of illegal drugs or drug-related paraphernalia, (except as expressly permitted by law and university regulations) or the misuse of legal pharmaceutical drugs.

10. Use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of alcoholic beverages (except as expressly permitted by law and university regulations), or public intoxication while on campus or at a university related activity.

11. Theft of property or services from the university community, or misappropriation of university resources.

12. Unauthorized destruction, or damage to university property or other property in the university community.

13. Possession or misuse of firearms or guns, replicas, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, knives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals (without the prior authorization of the campus president) on campus or at a university related activity.

14. Unauthorized recording, dissemination, or publication of academic presentations (including handwritten notes) for a commercial purpose.

15. Misuse of computer facilities or resources, including:
   - Unauthorized entry into a file, for any purpose.
   - Unauthorized transfer of a file.
   - Use of another’s identification or password.
   - Use of computing facilities, campus network, or other resources to interfere with the work of another member of the university community.
   - Use of computing facilities and resources to send obscene or intimidating and abusive messages.
   - Use of computing facilities and resources to interfere with normal university operations.
   - Use of computing facilities and resources in violation of copyright laws.
   - Violation of a campus computer use policy.

16. Violation of any published university policy, rule, regulation or presidential order.

17. Failure to comply with directions or, or interference with, any university official or any public safety officer while acting in the performance of his/her duties.

18. Any act chargeable as a violation of a federal, state, or local law that poses a substantial threat to the safety or well being of members of the university community, to property within the university community or poses a significant threat of disruption or interference with university operations.

19. Violation of the Student Conduct Procedures, including:
   - Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information related to a student discipline matter.
   - Disruption or interference with the orderly progress of a student discipline proceeding.
   - Initiation of a student discipline proceeding in bad faith.
   - Attempting to discourage another from participating in the student discipline matter.
   - Attempting to influence the impartiality of any participant in a student discipline matter.
(F) Verbal or physical harassment or intimidation of any participant in a student discipline matter.

(G) Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under a student discipline proceeding.

(20) Encouraging, permitting, or assisting another to do any act that could subject him or her to discipline.

(c) Procedures for Enforcing This Code

The Chancellor shall adopt procedures to ensure students are afforded appropriate notice and an opportunity to be heard before the university imposes any sanction for a violation of the Student Conduct Code.

(d) Application of This Code

Sanctions for the conduct listed above can be imposed on applicants, enrolled students, students between academic terms, graduates awaiting degrees, and students who withdraw from school while a disciplinary matter is pending. Conduct that threatens the safety or security of the campus community, or substantially disrupts the functions or operation of the university is within the jurisdiction of this Article regardless of whether it occurs on or off campus. Nothing in this Code may conflict with Education Code Section 66301 that prohibits disciplinary action against students based on behavior protected by the First Amendment.

(e) Summary of Civil and Criminal Penalties for Violation of Federal Copyright Laws

As referenced earlier in Student Conduct (15) (G) the penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or “statutory” damages affixed at not less than $750 and not more than $30,000 per work infringed. For “willful” infringement, a court may award up to $150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys’ fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505. Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to $250,000 per offense.

41302. Disposition of Fees: Campus Emergency; Interim Suspension.

The president of the campus may place on probation, suspend, or expel a student for one or more of the causes enumerated in Section 41301. No fees or tuition paid by or for such student for the semester, quarter, or summer session in which he or she is suspended or expelled, placed on probation, or given a lesser sanction for one or more of the following causes that must be campus related.

(a) Behaviors that disrupt or interfere with the functions or operation of the university; or

(b) Behaviors that present an immediate threat to the safety or security of the campus community or an individual;

(c) Behaviors that pose a risk to the health, safety, or security of the campus community;

(d) Behaviors that present a substantial likelihood of causing harm to the university or students;

(e) Behaviors that impede the education of the campus community or an individual.

During periods of campus emergency, as determined by the president of the individual campus, the president may, after consultation with the chancellor, place into immediate effect any procedures consonant with due process established pursuant to Section 66304, any student of a campus may be expelled, suspended, placed on probation, or given a lesser sanction for one or more of the following causes that must be campus related.

41300. Expulsion, Suspension, and Probation of Students.

(a) Definitions:

(1) Expulsion:

The expulsion of a student shall be the severance of the relationship of student and university. The student shall be notified of the expulsion and the reasons therefor, and shall be given the opportunity to present his or her case. Any appeal taken under this section.

(2) Suspension:

The suspension of a student shall be the suspension of the relationship of student and university, but the student may continue to attend classes and participate in academic activities. The student shall be notified of the suspension and the reasons therefor, and shall be given the opportunity to present his or her case. Any appeal taken under this section.

(3) Probation:

Probation shall be a period during which the student is placed under academic and behavior restrictions. The student shall be notified of the probation and the restrictions therefor, and shall be given the opportunity to present his or her case. Any appeal taken under this section.

(b) Procedures for Determining Whether Expulsion, Suspension, or Probation is Appropriate:

The chancellor shall determine whether expulsion, suspension, or probation is appropriate. The chancellor shall have the authority to determine whether a student is in violation of the Student Conduct Code and to impose disciplinary action, including expulsion, suspension, or probation, as appropriate. The decision of the chancellor shall be final.

(c) Procedures for Appealing a Determination of Expulsion, Suspension, or Probation:

The procedures for appealing a determination of expulsion, suspension, or probation shall be as follows:

(1) The student shall be notified of the determination in writing, including the reasons for the determination and the rights to appeal.

(2) The student shall be given the opportunity to present his or her case to a hearing officer or a hearing panel. The hearing officer or hearing panel shall have the authority to hear and determine whether the student has violated the Student Conduct Code and to impose disciplinary action, including expulsion, suspension, or probation, as appropriate.

(3) The student shall be notified of the decision of the hearing officer or hearing panel in writing, including the reasons for the decision and the rights to appeal.

(4) The student shall be given the opportunity to appeal the decision of the hearing officer or hearing panel to the chancellor. The chancellor shall have the authority to hear and determine whether the student has violated the Student Conduct Code and to impose disciplinary action, including expulsion, suspension, or probation, as appropriate.

(5) The student shall be notified of the decision of the chancellor in writing, including the reasons for the decision and the rights to appeal.

(d) Application of This Code

(a) The procedures for determining whether expulsion, suspension, or probation is appropriate shall be applied for conduct which is a ground of discipline under Sections 41301 or 41302; the authority of the chancellor to impose disciplinary action, including expulsion, suspension, or probation, as appropriate.

(b) The procedures for determining whether expulsion, suspension, or probation is appropriate shall be applied for conduct which is a ground of discipline under Sections 41301 or 41302; the authority of the chancellor to impose disciplinary action, including expulsion, suspension, or probation, as appropriate.

(c) The procedures for determining whether expulsion, suspension, or probation is appropriate shall be applied for conduct which is a ground of discipline under Sections 41301 or 41302; the authority of the chancellor to impose disciplinary action, including expulsion, suspension, or probation, as appropriate.

(d) The procedures for determining whether expulsion, suspension, or probation is appropriate shall be applied for conduct which is a ground of discipline under Sections 41301 or 41302; the authority of the chancellor to impose disciplinary action, including expulsion, suspension, or probation, as appropriate.

(e) The procedures for determining whether expulsion, suspension, or probation is appropriate shall be applied for conduct which is a ground of discipline under Sections 41301 or 41302; the authority of the chancellor to impose disciplinary action, including expulsion, suspension, or probation, as appropriate.

Student Grievances

If a student believes that a professor’s treatment is grossly unfair or that a professor’s behavior is clearly unprofessional, the student may bring the complaint to the proper university authorities and official reviewing bodies by following the Procedures for Handling Student Grievances Against Members of the Faculty adopted by the Faculty Senate. A copy of the procedures may be obtained from the Office of the Ombudsman in the Student Services building.

Cheating and Plagiarism

Institutions of higher education are founded to impart knowledge, seek truth, and encourage one’s development for the good of society. University students shall thus be intellectually and morally obliged to pursue their course of studies with honesty and integrity. Therefore, in preparing and submitting materials for academic courses and in taking examinations, a student shall not yield to cheating or plagiarism, which not only violate academic standards but also make the offender liable to penalties explicit in Section 41301 of Title 5, California Code of Regulations as follows:

Expulsion, Suspension, and Probation of Students.

(a) Expulsion:

The expulsion of a student shall be the severance of the relationship of student and university. The student shall be notified of the expulsion and the reasons therefor, and shall be given the opportunity to present his or her case. Any appeal taken under this section.

(b) Suspension:

The suspension of a student shall be the suspension of the relationship of student and university, but the student may continue to attend classes and participate in academic activities. The student shall be notified of the suspension and the reasons therefor, and shall be given the opportunity to present his or her case. Any appeal taken under this section.

(c) Probation:

Probation shall be a period during which the student is placed under academic and behavior restrictions. The student shall be notified of the probation and the restrictions therefor, and shall be given the opportunity to present his or her case. Any appeal taken under this section.

(d) Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is defined as the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work by the use of dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means. Examples of cheating include, but are not limited to:

(a) using notes, cheat sheets, or other devices considered inappropriate under the prescribed testing condition;

(b) collaborating with another or others in work to be presented with-out the permission of the instructor;

(c) obtaining copies of a test, an examination, or other course material without the permission of the instructor;

(d) using notes, cheat sheets, or other devices considered inappropriate under the prescribed testing condition;

(e) collaborating with another or others in work to be presented with-out the permission of the instructor;

(f) submitting as one’s own work papers purchased from research companies.

(g) falsifying records, laboratory work, or other course data;

(h) altering or interfering with the grading procedures;

(i) plagiarizing, as defined, and

(j) knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is defined as the act of incorporating ideas, words, or specific substance of another, whether purchased, borrowed, or otherwise obtained, and submitting same to the university as one’s own work to fulfill academic requirements without giving credit to the appropriate source. Plagiarism shall include but not be limited to:

(a) submitting work, either in part or in whole, completed by another;

(b) omitting footnotes for ideas, statements, facts, or conclusions that belong to another;

(c) omitting quotation marks when quoting directly from another, whether it be a paragraph, sentence, or part thereof;

(d) close and lengthy paraphrasing of the writings of another;

(e) submitting another person’s artistic works, such as musical com-positions, photographs, paintings, drawings, or sculptures; and

(f) submitting as one’s own work papers purchased from research companies.
Disciplinary Action
Cheating and plagiarism in connection with an academic program at the university may warrant two separate and distinct courses of disciplin-
ary action that may be applied concurrently in response to a violation of
this policy: (a) academic sanctions, such as grade modifications; and (b)
punitive sanctions, such as probation, suspension, or expulsion.
Academic sanctions are concerned with the student’s grades and
are the responsibility of the instructor involved. Punitive sanctions are
concerned with the student’s records and status on campus and shall
be the responsibility of the university president or designated repre-
sentative. The Coordinator of Judiciary Procedures shall be the presi-
dent’s representative in matters of student discipline.

SDSU Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policies
In accordance with the California Information Practices Act, the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee of
San Diego State University may notify a student’s parent(s) or
legal guardian(s) in the event compelling circumstances
exist affecting the student’s health or safety, including
circumstances involving alcohol or controlled substances.

This statement is presented to students to provide information about
health risks associated with alcohol and other drugs, (2)
prevention and treatment programs available on campus, and (3)
applicable State laws and campus policies.

Risks
Use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs can lead to accidents,
injury, and other medical emergencies. Alcohol, especially in high
doses, or when combined with medications or illegal drugs continues
to claim the lives of college students across the nation. If you see
someone unconscious, call 9-1-1; doing so may save his or her life.

Driving after consumption of even relatively small quantities of
alcohol can substantially increase your risk of crash involvement.
Even after just a drink or two, drinkers may experience some loss of
their ability to think about complex problems or accomplish complex
tasks. Drinkers may also lose some control over impulsive behavior.

To become dependent upon chemicals such as alcohol and/or
illicit drugs is to put your health and life at risk. Chemical dependency
is a condition in which the use of mood altering substances, such as
drugs or alcohol, affect any area of life on a continuing basis. Medical
research has established very strong evidence that alcohol abuse
contributes significantly to cancer and heart disease. Many illicit
drugs have also been demonstrated to lead to serious short and long-
term health problems. There is clear evidence of serious negative
effects on babies due to use of illicit drugs and alcohol by the mother
during pregnancy.

Campus Resources

Keeping yourself informed is an important step in developing a
healthy lifestyle and in knowing how to cope with problems as they
arise. SDSU provides useful and informative prevention education
programs throughout the year. A variety of departments sponsor
workshops and lectures on alcohol and drug related issues to
support and encourage healthy, productive lifestyles. These
programs are available through: Counseling and Psychological
Services, 619-594-5220; Residential Education Office, 619-594-
5742; Alcohol and Other Drug Initiatives, 619-594-4133; Athletic
Department, 619-594-3019; Student Health Services, 619-594-5281;

For students with substance abuse problems or concerns, assis-
tance is available at SDSU’s Counseling and Psychological Services
(CPS) located in Calpulli Center, Room 4401. Students who prefer an
appointment with a health care provider (e.g. nurse or physician), may
contact Student Health Services. If you are aware of problems with
friends, roommates, or family members, we encourage you to act
responsibly by consulting with Counseling and Psychological
Services. Remaining silent or waiting until a situation has escalated is
not responsible behavior. SDSU supports the notion of students
helping one another to cooperatively solve alcohol and substance
abuse problems as they occur.

Laws and Campus Policy
With few exceptions, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to
purchase or possess alcohol. If you violate these laws you may face a
fine of $250 and suspension of your driving license. For more informa-
tion about California laws visit the California State Bar Web site at
http://www.bar.ca.gov/Public/Info/Kids/drivertaxl.html and the Califor-
ia Alcohol Beverage Control Web site at
http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid.

Federal and State laws define a number of substances as “drugs”
with sanctions related to their manufacture, sale, possession, and use
varying by type of substance and quantity. See California State Bar Web

In accordance to the Standards for Student Conduct in the California
Code of Regulations, Title V, Article 2, Section 41301, SDSUs
expectations of responsible student behavior prohibits the unlawful
possession, use, or distribution of drugs and alcohol by students on
university property or in surrounding neighborhoods, or as any part of
the university’s activities. Violators may face suspension or expulsion
from the university. In addition, the university will cooperate with governmental
authorities in criminal and civil actions. The university does not accept
alcohol or substance abuse as an excuse, reason, or rationale for any act
of abuse, harassment, intimidation, violence, or vandalism.

Possession or consumption of distilled liquor on university
property is prohibited at all times. Possession, consumption, or sale of
beer or wine by those 21 years of age or older is permitted at
designated campus locations and events only with prior approval of
the vice president for student affairs.

On campus property, and in surrounding neighborhoods, the sale,
distribution, knowing possession, and use of dangerous drugs or narcot-
ics are prohibited. You are also forbidden by State and Federal laws to
sell, distribute, possess, or use those drugs. SDSU does not permit the
possession or use of marijuana even with a medical recommendation.

Student organizations, residence halls, athletics, and Greek Life
have instituted additional policies regarding alcohol and drugs.
Please contact relevant administrative offices for more information.
More information can also be found at http://aad.sdsu.edu.

As a student at SDSU, you are responsible for your behavior and
are fully accountable for your actions. Violation of this policy statement
will not go unchallenged within the SDSU community. Any university
student may be expelled, suspended, or placed on probation for vio-
Iting university regulations regarding alcohol or drugs. Additionally,
using alcohol or drugs negatively affects your academic performance.

Students who possess, use, or distribute substances such as, but
not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, or other hallu-
cinogens and narcotics, or who violate statutes regulating alcoholic
beverages, are subject to arrest, imprisonment, or a fine according to
State law. The University Police Department is empowered to enforce
all State and Federal laws, including public drunkenness, driving
under the influence, and possession of alcohol by a minor.

Drugs and alcohol are prohibited on SDSU’s campus due to exercising disciplinary powers in
cases of illegal alcohol and drug use complements its full measure of
support for students who seek help for themselves or their acquain-
tances. These two approaches, combined with an active prevention
education program, provide a strong basis for maintaining university
expectations for a safe, healthy, and productive campus community.
We hope that you will take advantage of the programs and services
available to you, and that you will join with us in creating a viable
learning community.

Drug Law Violations and Consequences

A federal or state drug conviction for possession, sale, or conspir-
ting to sell illegal drugs can affect a student’s eligibility to receive federal
student financial aid, including loans, grants, and work study.
If the offense occurs while the student is receiving federal student
financial aid, the student will lose aid eligibility for a certain period of
time. Additional information is available from the Office of Financial
Aid and Scholarships, Student Services, Room 3605, 619-594-6323,
or at http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid.

SDSU Smoke Free Policy

Smoking is permitted only in designated smoking areas. Violations of the SDSU Smoking Policy may result in misdemeanor
citation pursuant to CA Education Code section 89031.

Visit http://www.sdsu.edu/smokingpolicy for more information on
the SDSU Smoking Policy and smoking cessation programs.
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Availability of Information

The following information concerning student financial assistance may be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, Student Services, Room 3605, 619-594-6323, or at http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid:

1. A description of the federal, state, institutional, local, and private student financial assistance programs available to students who enroll at San Diego State University and for San Diego State University students participating in study abroad programs;
2. For each aid program, a description of procedures and forms by which students apply for assistance, student eligibility requirements, criteria for selecting recipients from the group of eligible applicants, and criteria for determining the amount of a student’s award;
3. A description of the rights and responsibilities of students receiving financial assistance, including federal Title IV student assistance programs, criteria for continued student eligibility under each program, and how a drug law violation may affect your eligibility to receive financial aid;
4. The satisfactory academic progress standards that students must maintain for the purpose of receiving financial assistance and criteria by which a student who has failed to maintain satisfactory progress may reestablish eligibility for financial assistance;
5. The method by which financial assistance disbursements will be made to students and the frequency of those disbursements;
6. The terms and conditions of any loan received as part of the student’s financial aid package, sample loan repayment information, the necessity for repaying loans, and terms and conditions under which students may obtain loan deferments; and
7. The general conditions and terms applicable to any employment provided as part of the student's financial aid package;
8. The terms and conditions of the loans students receive under the Direct Loan and Perkins Loan Programs; and
9. The exit counseling information the school provides and collects for student borrowers.

Information concerning the cost of attending San Diego State University is available from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, Student Services, Room 3605, 619-594-6323, or at http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid, and includes tuition and fees; the estimated costs of books and supplies; estimates of typical student room, board, and transportation costs; and, if requested, additional costs for specific programs.

Information concerning the refund policies of San Diego State University for the return of unearned tuition and fees or other refundable portions of institutional charges is available from Student Account Services, Student Services 2536, 619-594-5253, or at http://www.sdsu.edu/sas.

Information concerning policies regarding the return of federal Title IV student assistance funds as required by regulation is available from Student Account Services, Student Services 2536, 619-594-5253, or at http://www.sdsu.edu/sas.

Information concerning loan exit counseling for all student borrowers under the federal student loan programs is available from Student Account Services, Student Services, Room 2536, 619-594-5253, or at http://www.sdsu.edu/sas.

Information regarding special facilities and services available to students with disabilities may be obtained from Student Disability Services, Calpulli Center, Room 3100, 619-594-6473 (TDD: 619-594-2929), or at http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/sds.

Information concerning San Diego State University policies, procedures, and facilities for students and others to report criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus may be obtained from the Department of Public Safety, 619-594-1991, or at http://www.police.sdsu.edu.

Information concerning San Diego State University annual campus security report and annual fire safety report may be obtained from the Department of Public Safety, 619-594-1991, or at http://www.police.sdsu.edu.

Information concerning the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse and rehabilitation programs may be obtained from Counseling and Psychological Services, Calpulli Center, Room 4401, 619-594-5220, or at http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/cps.

Information regarding student retention and graduation rates of students enrolled at San Diego State University and, if available, the number and percentage of students completing the program in which the student is enrolled or expresses interest may be obtained from Analytic Studies and Institutional Research, Manchester Hall, Room 3310, 619-594-6846, or at http://asir.sdsu.edu.

Information concerning athletic opportunities available to male and female students and the financial resources and personnel that San Diego State University dedicates to its men’s and women’s teams may be obtained from the director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Aztec Athletics Center, Room 3015, 619-594-6357, or at http://www.goaztecs.com.

Information concerning teacher preparation programs at San Diego State University, including pass rate on teacher certification examinations, may be obtained from the Office of Advising and Recruitment, Education and Business Administration, Room 259, 619-594-6320.

Information concerning grievance procedures for students who feel aggrieved in their relationships with the university, its policies, practices and procedures, or its faculty and staff may be obtained from the ombudsman, Student Services, Room 1105, 619-594-6578, or at http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/ombuds.

The federal Military Selective Service Act (the “Act”) requires most males residing in the United States to present themselves for registration with the Selective Service System within thirty days of their eighteenth birthday. Males between the ages of 18 and 25 must be registered. Males born after December 31, 1959, may be required to submit a statement of compliance with the Act and regulations in order to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under specified provisions of existing federal law. In California, students subject to the Act who fail to register are also ineligible to receive any need-based student grants funded by the state or a public postsecondary institution.

Selective Service registration forms are available at any U.S. Post Office, and many high schools have a staff member or teacher appointed as a Selective Service Registrar. Applicants for financial aid can also request that information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) be used to register them with the Selective Service. Information on the Selective Service System is available and the registration process may be initiated online at http://www.sss.gov.

Student Complaint Procedure

Office of the Ombudsman
Student Services, Room 1105
619-594-6578
http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/ombuds

The California State University takes very seriously complaints and concerns regarding the institution. If you have a complaint regarding the CSU, you may present your complaint as follows:

1. If your complaint concerns CSU’s compliance with academic program quality and accrediting standards, you may present your complaint to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) at http://www.wascsenior.org/comments. WASC is the agency that accredits the CSU’s academic program.
2. If your complaint concerns an alleged violation by CSU of a state law, including laws prohibiting fraud and false advertising, you may present your claim to the campus president or Office of the Ombudsman, Student Services, Room 1105, 619-594-6578, http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/ombuds. The president or ombudsman will provide guidance on the appropriate campus process for addressing your particular issue.
3. If you believe that your complaint warrants further attention after you have exhausted all the steps outlined by the president or ombudsman, or by WASC, you may file an appeal with the Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs at the CSU Chancellor’s Office. This procedure should not be construed to limit your right to have you take civil or criminal legal action to resolve your complaint.