Organization and Administration

The Division of Graduate Affairs is under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Provost whose administrative officers are the vice president for research and the dean of the Division of Graduate Affairs. In coordination with the Graduate Council, the division has responsibility for all graduate curricula and policy matters governing graduate study at San Diego State University. The dean of the Division of Graduate Affairs serves as chair of the Graduate Council.

The Division of Graduate Affairs, in conjunction with Graduate Admissions, admits all students to the university. The Division of Graduate Affairs authorizes graduate degree curricula, evaluates, and processes students for graduation. The Division of Graduate Affairs also determines students’ eligibility to continue in such curricula and, in the cases of unsatisfactory performance, requires students to withdraw from graduate curricula and the university.

The dean of the Division of Graduate Affairs is the appropriate university authority for the administration of all matters related to graduate admissions, academic status, and graduate degree curricula, minimum requirements for which are specified in Section 40510 of the California Code of Regulations.

Association Membership

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

Degrees Offered

All master’s degrees are conferred by the trustees of The California State University. These degree programs provide instruction for graduate students in the liberal arts and sciences, in applied fields, and in the professions, including the teaching profession.

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

The Doctor of Education degree (Ed.D.) in educational leadership, the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and the Doctor of Professional Studies (Ed.S.) in educational leadership, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), and the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) are awarded by the Board of Trustees of The California State University.

Doctor of Philosophy

- Biology (Cell and Molecular)
- Chemistry
- Clinical Psychology
- Computational Science
- Ecology
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Engineering
- Bioengineering
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Evolutionary Biology
- Geology
- Geophysics
- Language and Communicative Disorders
- Mathematics and Science
- Education
- Public Health/Epidemiology
- Public Health/Global Health
- Public Health/Health Behavior

Doctor of Education

- Education
- Educational Leadership:
  - Concentration in PreK-12 Leadership
  - Concentration in Community College/Postsecondary Leadership

Professional Doctorates

- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Doctor of Physical Therapy

Educational Specialist

- Ed.S. in School Psychology

Master of Arts

- Anthropology
- Art
- Asian Studies
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Chicana and Chicano Studies
- Communication
- Economics
- Education
- English
- French
- Geography
- History
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Kinesiology
- Latin American Studies
- Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Rhetoric and Writing Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
- Teaching
- Television, Film and New Media Production
- Theatre Arts
- Women’s Studies

Master of Science

- Accountancy
- Aerospace Engineering
- Applied Mathematics
- Astronomy
- Bioengineering
- Bioinformatics and Medical Informatics
- Biology
- Biomedical Quality Systems
- Chemistry
- Child Development
- Civil Engineering
- Computational Science
- Computer Science
- Counseling
- Criminal Justice and Criminology
- Electrical Engineering
- Exercise Physiology
- Geography
- Geometrical Sciences
- Gerontology
- Homeland Security
- Information Systems
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medical Physics
- Microbiology
- Nursing
- Nutritional Sciences
- Physics
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Regulatory Affairs
- Rehabilitation Counseling
- Statistics

Professional Master’s Degrees

- Master of Business Administration
- Master of City Planning
- Master of Engineering
- Master of Music
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Social Work
- Master of Fine Arts
- Art
- Creative Writing
- Theatre Arts

Concurrent Degrees

- Master of Arts in Education with a Concentration in Counseling and
  - Educational Specialist in School Psychology
- Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor
- Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in
  - Latin American Studies
- Master of Public Administration and Master of Arts in
  - Latin American Studies
- Master of Public Health and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies
- Master of Science in Nutritional Science and
  - Master of Science in Exercise Physiology
- Master of Social Work and Juris Doctor
- Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health
Graduate Admission Categories

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

- **Post-Baccalaureate Standing (Unclassified).** Exchange students (non-foreign), visitors from other CSU campuses, and other transitory students may be admitted for one semester as unclassified graduate students; or
- **Post-Baccalaureate Standing (Conditional Classified, Credential, and Certificate).** Persons wishing to enroll in a credential in professional education or a certificate program who meet the criteria specified under General Admission Requirements but who have deficiencies for classified admission to the department’s credential or certificate program. Admission is dependent on if the deficiencies can be met by specific additional preparation, including qualifying examinations. No more than 18 semester units may be assigned to satisfy deficiencies in prerequisite education; or
- **Post-Baccalaureate Standing (Classified).** Persons wishing to enroll in a credential (only) or certificate (only) program. Persons will also be required to satisfy additional professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, as prescribed by the appropriate department and campus; or
- **Graduate Standing (Conditional Classified).** Applicants may be admitted to a graduate degree program in this category if deficiencies may be remedied by additional preparation, as determined by appropriate campus authority; or
- **Graduate Standing (Classified).** To pursue a graduate degree, applicants are required to fulfill all of the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, as prescribed by the campus under General Admission Requirements.

These and other CSU admissions requirements are subject to change as policies are revised and laws are amended. The CSU Web site [http://www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu) and the CSU admissions portal [http://www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) are good sources of the most up-to-date information. For SDSU graduate admission procedures, see the Admission and Registration section of this catalog.

**Graduate Bulletin**

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