Admission and Registration

Admission criteria listed in this catalog is for fall 2014. For the most up-to-date admission criteria, visit the SDSU Office of Admissions website at http://www.sdsu.edu/admissions.

Reservation
San Diego State University reserves the right to select its students and deny admission to the university or any of its programs as the university, in its sole discretion, determines appropriate based on the applicant's suitability and the best interests of the university.

Undergraduate Admission Policy
Admission to San Diego State University is selective. SDSU has been granted impacted status by the California State University system in order to assure that the educational experience, including the availability of classes and the array of services provided, of each enrolled student is not compromised by over enrollment. To this end, admission criteria OVER AND ABOVE THOSE REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY are now in effect. Meeting CSU minimum admission criteria will not guarantee admission to San Diego State University.

Supplementary Admission Criteria
Each campus with impacted programs uses supplementary admission criteria in screening applicants. Supplementary criteria may include rank-ordering of freshman applicants based on the CSU eligibility index or rank-ordering of transfer applicants based on verification of AA-T or AS-T degree, the overall transfer grade point average (GPA), completion of specified prerequisite courses, and a combination of campus-developed criteria. Applicants for freshman admission to impacted campuses or programs are required to submit electronic scores on either the SAT or the ACT. For fall admission, applicants should take tests as early as possible, but no later than November or December of their senior year of high school.

The supplementary admission criteria used by the individual campuses to screen applicants are made available by the campuses to all applicants seeking admission to an impacted program. Details regarding the supplemental admissions criteria are also provided at http://www.calstate.edu/impactioninfo.shtml.

Undergraduate Admission Requirements

First-Time Freshman Requirements
All first-time freshmen applicants must have graduated from high school, have earned a Certificate of General Education Development (GED), or have passed the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE). Students will be admitted to the pre-major (including undeclared) in which they applied. There will be a limited number of enrollment slots in each pre-major. Applicants will be ranked by their Eligibility Index, which is a combination of GPA and SAT/ACT test scores. In addition, students must complete the pattern of college preparatory curriculum (“a-g” courses) by the end of spring 2014.

SDSU Service Area (Students who graduate from a high school in San Diego County located south of state route 56 and extending eastward AND Imperial County high schools). SDSU service-area applicants will be assigned a credit to increase their eligibility so SDSU can maintain its traditional balance of out-of-area to in-area students. Outside SDSU Service Area. First-time freshmen from outside SDSU’s service area are required to live on-campus housing their first year.

Test Scores
Freshman applicants must submit electronic scores from either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT). The CSU uses only the SAT mathematics and critical reading scores in its admission eligibility equation. The SAT or ACT writing scores are not currently used by CSU campuses. You should take the test as early as possible, but not later than early November if applying for fall admission. You may get registration forms and dates for these tests from your high school or college counselors or from the SDSU Student Testing, Assessment and Research Office website at http://www.sdsu.edu/testoffice. Or, you contact the testing agencies at:

- The College Board (SAT) Registration Unit, Box 6200 Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6200 609-771-7588 http://www.collegeboard.org

ACT Registration Unit P.O. Box 414 Iowa City, Iowa 52240 319-337-1270 http://www.act.org

Official scores should be requested from the testing service at the time you register and sent directly to SDSU (SDSU’s SAT code is 4682; SDSU’s ACT code is 0398).

Eligibility Index
The eligibility index (EI) is the combination of the high school grade point average and scores on either the ACT or SAT. Grade point averages (GPA) are based on grades earned in courses taken during the student’s last two years of high school. Included in calculation of GPA are grades earned in college preparatory “a-g” subject requirements, and bonus points for approved honors courses (excluding grades earned in physical education and military science courses).

Up to eight semesters of honors courses taken in the last three years of high school, including up to two approved courses taken in the 10th grade, can be accepted. Each unit of A in an honors course will receive a total of 5 points; B, 4 points; and C, 3 points. No honor points are given for D or F grades.

A CSU eligibility index can be calculated by multiplying a grade point average by 800 and adding a total score on the mathematics and critical reading scores of the SAT. For students who took the ACT, multiply the grade point average by 200 and add ten times the ACT composite score. Persons who are California high school graduates (or residents of California for tuition purposes), need a minimum index of 2900 using the SAT or 694 using the ACT. Persons who neither graduated from a California high school nor are a resident of California for tuition purposes, need a minimum index of 3502 (SAT) or 842 (ACT). The eligibility index may be higher for impacted CSU campuses.

The CSU uses only the ACT score or the SAT mathematics and critical reading scores in its admission eligibility equation. The university has no current plans to include the writing scores from either of the admissions tests in the computation of the CSU eligibility index.

Undergraduate Application Procedures
Prospective students applying for part-time or full-time undergraduate programs of study must submit a completed undergraduate application. Applying online via http://www.csumentor.edu is expected unless electronic submission is impossible. Application in “hard copy” form may be obtained online via http://www.csumentor.edu as a portable data format (PDF). Application forms (in PDF) may also be downloaded from http://www.calstate.edu/sas/publications. Paper applications should be mailed to the SDSU Office of Admissions. The $55 non-refundable application fee must be paid by credit card or in the form of a check or money order payable to the California State University and may not be transferred or used to apply to another term. The applications of persons denied admission to an impacted campus may be re-routed to another campus, but only if the applicant is CSU eligible.

It is essential that the application be filled out completely and accurately. Misrepresenting oneself on the application will result in a revocation of admission regardless of when the misrepresentation is discovered.

Application Acknowledgment
On-time applicants may expect to receive an acknowledgment from the campuses to which they have applied within two to four weeks of filing the application. The notice may also include a request that applicants submit additional records necessary to evaluate academic qualifications. Applicants may be assured of admission if the evaluation of relevant qualifications indicates that applicants meet CSU admission requirements, and in the case of admission impaction, supplemental criteria for admission to an impacted program. Unless specific written approval/confirmation is received, an offer of admission is not transferable to another term or to another campus.

Supplementary Admission Criteria
Each campus with impacted programs uses supplementary admission criteria in screening applicants. Supplementary criteria may include rank-ordering of freshman applicants based on the CSU eligibility index or rank-ordering of transfer applicants based on verification of AA-T or AS-T degree, the overall transfer grade point average (GPA), completion of specified prerequisite courses, and a combination of campus-developed criteria. Applicants for freshman admission to impacted campuses or programs are required to submit electronic scores on either the SAT or the ACT. For fall admission, applicants should take tests as early as possible, but no later than November or December of their senior year of high school.

The supplementary admission criteria used by the individual campuses to screen applicants are made available by the campuses to all applicants seeking admission to an impacted program. Details regarding the supplemental admissions criteria are also provided at http://www.calstate.edu/impactioninfo.shtml.

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**Subject Requirements**

San Diego State University requires that first-time freshman applicants complete, with grades of C or better, a comprehensive pattern of college preparatory study totaling 15 units. A "unit" is one year of study in high school.

1. Two years of social science, including one year of U.S. history, or U.S. history and government.
2. Four years of English.
3. Three years of mathematics (algebra, geometry, and intermediate algebra).
4. Two years of laboratory science (one biological and one physical, both with laboratories).
5. Two years in the same foreign language (subject to waiver for applicants demonstrating equivalent competence).
6. One year of visual and performing arts (year-long approved course in a single subject area, i.e. Art I and Art II).
7. One year of electives, selected from English, advanced mathematics, social science, history, laboratory science, foreign language, visual and performing arts, or other courses approved and included on the UC/CSU "a-g" list.

For fall admission, you must complete your subject requirements by the spring term before enrollment at SDSU.

**Subject Requirement Substitution for Students with Disabilities**

Applicants with disabilities are encouraged to complete college preparatory course requirements if at all possible. If you are judged unable to fulfill a specific course requirement because of your disability, alternate college preparatory courses may be substituted for specific subject requirements. Substitutions may be authorized on an individual basis after review and recommendation by your academic adviser or guidance counselor in consultation with the director of a CSU disability student services program. You should be aware that failure to complete required courses for admission may limit your later enrollment in certain majors, particularly those involving mathematics. For further information and substitution forms, please call the director of disability student services at your nearest CSU campus.

**Freshmen Who Are Graduates of High Schools in Foreign Countries**

Graduates of secondary schools in foreign countries must be judged to have equivalent academic preparation and abilities equivalent to applicants eligible under this section. Please submit your high school transcript shortly after applying for admission.

All undergraduate applicants, regardless of citizenship, who do not have at least three years of full-time study in schools at the secondary level or above where English is the principal language of instruction, must present a score of 550 or higher (using the paper version) or 80 or higher (using the Internet version) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or 6.5 or better on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

**Early Notification of Admission**

The university may offer early notification of admission to first-time freshman applicants who report an exceptional high school record and test scores.

**Admitted First-Time Freshman**

All first-time freshman applicants who receive an offer of admissions are admitted provisionally. Offers of admission will be rescinded if senior year work is not completed at a satisfactory level or if any requirements were misrepresented on the application.

**Early Start Program**

Entering resident freshmen who are not proficient in English or mathematics will need to start the remediation process before their first regular term.

The goals of the Early Start Program are to:
- Better prepare students in English and mathematics, before the fall semester of freshman year;
- Add an important and timely assessment tool in preparing students for college; and
- Improve students' chances of successful completion of a college degree.

Newly admitted freshman students who are required to complete the Early Start Program will be notified of the requirement and options for completing the program as part of campus communications to newly admitted students. More information about the Early Start program is available at http://www.sdsu.edu/earlystart. See General Mathematics Studies and Rhetoric and Writing studies for course information.

**High School Students**

High school students may be considered for enrollment in certain special programs if recommended by the principal and the appropriate campus department chair and if preparation is equivalent to that required of eligible California high school graduates. Such admission is only for a specific course and does not constitute a right to continued enrollment.

**Transfer Student Requirements**

Students who have completed 60 or more transferable semester college units (90 or more quarter units) are considered lower division transfer students. San Diego State University is not accepting applications from lower division transfer students (these are those designated for baccalaureate credit by the college or university offering the courses. The CSU General Education-Breadth (GE-Breadth) program allows California community college transfer students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for any CSU campus prior to transfer. Up to 39 of the 48 GE-Breadth units required can be transferred from and certified by a California college. “Certification” is the official notification from a California community college that a transfer student has completed courses fulfilling lower-division general education requirements. The CSU GE-Breadth certification course list for particular community colleges can be accessed at http://www.assist.org.

**Lower Division Transfers**

Students who have completed fewer than 60 transferable semester college units (fewer than 90 quarter units) are considered lower division transfer students. San Diego State University is not accepting applications from lower division transfer students. (Due to enrollment pressures, many CSU campuses do not admit lower division transfer applicants.)

**Upper Division Transfers**

A student is considered an upper division transfer student if he/she has completed 60 or more semester units (90 or more quarter units) of transferable baccalaureate-level college work. In recent years, as the number of applicants has far exceeded the number of spaces available, it has become necessary to adopt admission standards which are more demanding than the minimum California State University (CSU) requirements. Per CSU Enrollment Policy, transfer admission priority is given to applicants whose previous coursework was completed at California community colleges. All students who are admitted to SDSU are admitted to a premajor. To be eligible for admission to SDSU, transfer applicants should meet the following minimum CSU eligibility requirements and SDSU requirements:

1. Apply during the CSU initial admission application filing period, October/November 2013 for fall 2014 admission. Submit a supplemental application at http://www.sdsu.edu/portal, which is due by 6 p.m. (PST) January 23, 2014.
2. Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units by the end of spring 2014. Transferable units are defined as course units that are applicable to a baccalaureate degree.
3. Complete a certified GE package of 39 units (CSU GE or IG-ETC) or any applicable lower division GE pattern listed in the SDSU General Catalog, including completion of the “Golden Four” General Education (GE) requirements in written communication, oral communication, critical thinking, and mathematics with a C or higher grade in each course by the end of spring 2014.
4. Complete all major preparation courses listed in the SDSU General Catalog by the end of the spring term prior to fall admission. If a major preparation course is not offered at your community college, you must take it at another local community college or via Cross Enrollment or Open University at SDSU by the end of spring 2014. If a major preparation course is not offered at your community college, you must take it at another local community college or via Cross Enrollment or Open University at SDSU by the end of spring 2014.
5. Meet the cumulative grade point average (GPA) required for the major as listed in the SDSU General Catalog. See http://www.sdsu.edu/majorgpa to determine the GPA required for your major. Your GPA is based on all transferable units attempted.
   a. For non-SDSU service area* applicants, an additional overall GPA will be required. This GPA is determined based on the applicant pool and may be higher than the GPA required for the major.
   b. All applicants must meet the required GPA at the time of application and maintain the GPA through the end of spring 2014.

* The SDSU service area includes residents of San Diego County, residents of Imperial County, residents of the incorporated cities within the Otay Valley community area, and all U.S. citizens, non-residents of California who are children of military personnel stationed in San Diego County.
6. Applicants with prior SDSU Regular Session, Special Session, Open University or Cross Enrollment, coursework must have a minimum SDSU GPA of 2.0 in addition to the cumulative GPA listed above.

7. Local, service-area* applicants who meet the criteria listed above and who meet the cumulative GPA required for the major or 2.4, whichever is higher, will be guaranteed admission for the fall 2014. All other applicants will be admitted on a space-available basis and must meet requirements (1) through (6) above.

NOTE:
• The Transfer Admission Guarantee does not apply to applicants to the School of Nursing, Music and Dance, Television, Film and New Media, or any major for which there is an SDSU approved STAR Act (Associate of Arts-Transfer (AA-T)) Associate of Science-Transfer (AS-T) degree.
• Nursing applicants must complete a Nursing Program application and meet additional ranking criteria. See the School of Nursing website at http://nursing.sdsu.edu for details.
• Music and Dance applicants must audition for acceptance to the major. For details, see the School of Music and Dance website at http://music.sdsu.edu.
• SDSU is currently accepting applications for students seeking a second bachelor’s degree in nursing.
• Students with international coursework must submit an international course evaluation report.

Student Transfer Achievement Reform (STAR) Act (SB 1440)
The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) degrees offered at the California Community College (CCC) are designed to provide a California community college student a clear transfer preparation and admission pathway to the CSU degree majors. California Community College students who earn an associate degree for transfer (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission with junior standing to a CSU and given priority admission over other transfer applicants when applying to a local CSU campus, or non-impacted CSU program. AA-T or AS-T admission applicants are given priority consideration to an impacted campus/program or to campuses/programs that have been deemed similar to the degree completed at the community college. Students who have completed an AA-T/AS-T in a program deemed similar to a CSU major are able to complete remaining requirements for graduation within 60 semester units.

Admitted Upper Division Transfers
Transfer admission decisions are based on self-reported information. Admission is provisional pending verification of the self-reported information on the applicant’s CSUMentor and supplemental applications using the official transcript submitted to the Office of Admissions. Offers of admission will be rescinded if the GPA, completed courses, or course grades are lower than what is reported on the applications or if the student misses any admission deadlines.

Acceptance of Transfer Courses
Courses taken at a regionally accredited college or university and designated as appropriate for baccalaureate credit by that institution will be accepted by San Diego State University for credit toward transfer admission. San Diego State University reserves the right to determine the extent to which such credit satisfies the specific and elective requirements of degree programs.

Courses completed at regionally accredited institutions not offering the baccalaureate and at special-purpose baccalaureate-granting institutions are acceptable if specifically certified by the institution or by San Diego State University as similar in level and rigor to SDSU courses.

Courses completed at institutions without regional accreditation or taken at a regionally accredited institution as part of a professional program, i.e., medical, dental, legal, veterinary, optical, etc. are not normally accepted by San Diego State University. Such courses may be accepted on an individual basis if a review by the appropriate department determines comparability to a course in the San Diego State University curriculum.
Applicants for admission whose education has been in a foreign country must file an application for admission. One official original-language record of all academic coursework and proof of degree must be submitted by each institution attended. For each document sent, a certified literal English translation must be provided. The translation must contain all information shown on the original-language documents and may come directly from the school itself or from a professional, certified translator. All documents, transcripts, and test scores must be received by Graduate Admissions no later than the file completion deadline indicated in the applicant’s WebPortal account. Credentials will be evaluated in accordance with the general regulations governing admissions to San Diego State University.

Applicants whose major education has been in a language other than English must score 550 or higher (using the paper version) or 80 or higher (using the Internet version) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or 6.5 or better on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Some majors may require a higher score. Some campuses consider an American English Language Program transcript. All undergraduate transfer applicants, whose native language is not English and who have not attended schools at the secondary level must present a score of 550 or higher (using the paper version) or 6.5 or better on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). These tests are administered in many countries. Students in their final baccalaureate year who are contemplating graduate study are also advised to contact the departmental offices as soon as possible for information and advice. Some departments stop reviewing applications earlier than others because space is limited.

Filing of Records

File Official Transcripts. You must file the following official transcripts with the Office of Admissions.

1. Transcripts from all high schools attended (not required of the graduate student who holds a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution, but is required of the student who holds a bachelor’s degree from a nonaccredited institution).
2. Transcripts from each college attended (including extension, correspondence, summer session, evening, and out-of-county courses), even if no courses were completed. Graduate students must file recently issued transcripts if they plan to enter a master’s degree or credential program. Electronic transcripts are required from many colleges. Check the Office of Admissions website at http://www.sdsu.edu/admissions for a complete list.
3. Photostat or true copy of the military separation form DD-214 (or equivalent), DD-295, SMART and AARTS transcripts if applicant has had active military service. (Not required of graduate students.) For a hard copy transcript to be official, it must bear the high school or college seal and remain in its original sealed envelope. All records or transcripts received by the university become the property of the university and will not be released nor will copies be made.

Deadlines:
First-time Freshmen
- May 1 – transcripts including fall term grades.
- July 15 – transcripts of spring term grades.

Transfers
- May 1 – transcripts including fall term grades and work in progress.
- June 30 – transcripts of spring term grades.

Note: All needed documents for international applicants must be on file no later than May 1 for the fall semester.

Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Admission Requirements

Application and Admission Process

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

Application Procedures

Applicants for any type of graduate or post-baccalaureate status (advanced degree applicants and those seeking credentials or advanced certificates) must file an electronic CSU Graduate Admission Application available at http://www.csumentor.edu within the appropriate filing period. All applicants, including those who graduated from San Diego State University are also required to complete and submit an application and the $55 nonrefundable application fee. Applicants for post-baccalaureate programs are limited to the choice of a single CSU campus on each application. In the event that a post-baccalaureate applicant wishes to be assured of initial consideration by more than one campus, it will be necessary to submit separate applications (including fees) to each campus. All masters, doctoral, and credential students should consult the department or program listing in the Graduate Bulletin for the specific department and/or program application instructions. In all cases, applicants should send recently issued official transcripts and examination scores to Graduate Admissions only. Students are required to apply online. Online applications are available at http://www.csumentor.edu.

Paper applications are no longer printed for general distribution. If an applicant does not have access to a computer or in the case of other extenuating circumstances preventing an applicant from filing an electronic admission application, the applicant should contact Graduate Admissions to make special arrangements.
Admission Requirements

Graduate and post-baccalaureate applicants may apply for a degree objective, a credential or certificate objective, or where approved, may have no program objective. Depending on the objective, the CSU will consider an application for admission as follows:

- **General Requirements.** The minimum requirements for admission to graduate and post-baccalaureate studies at a California State University campus are in accordance with university regulations as well as Title 5, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations. Specifically, a student shall at the time of enrollment must: (1) hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree earned at an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association, or have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by the graduate dean; (2) have attained a grade point average of at least 2.85 in an acceptable earned baccalaureate degree, or at least 2.85 in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted, or hold an acceptable post-baccalaureate degree earned at an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association; (3) have been in good standing at the last institution attended; and (4) achieved satisfactory scores on all sections of the GRE or GMAT for degree seeking applicants (not required for credential or certificate applicants).

Applicants who do not qualify for admission under provisions (1) and (2) may be admitted by special action if the graduate dean determines that there is other academic or professional evidence sufficient to warrant such action. Applicants from foreign countries must demonstrate competence in English. Those who do not possess sufficient English as a principal language of instruction must receive a minimum score of 550 or higher (using the paper version) or 80 or higher (using the Internet version) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Students must obtain a score of 6.5 or better on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Individual degree programs may require a higher minimum score. Applicants may be required by a program to submit a score for the Test of Written English (TWE). Several CSU campuses may use alternative methods for assessing fluency in English, including Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), and the International Test of English Proficiency (ITEP).

Second Bachelor's Degree

San Diego State University is only accepting applications for a second bachelor's degree in nursing. To be eligible for admission to the second bachelor's degree in nursing, students must meet the following minimum CSU eligibility requirements and SDSU requirements.

1. Students are required to apply during the CSU initial admission application filing period, October/November 2013 for fall 2014. They must file an electronic CSU Undergraduate Admission Application available at http://www.csumentor.edu.

2. Applicants must complete a nursing program application and meet additional ranking criteria. See the School of Nursing website at http://nursing.sdsu.edu.

3. Applicants are subject to admission related deadlines for undergraduate transfer students.

4. Applicants must have previously earned a baccalaureate degree from a college/university accredited by a regional accrediting association.

5. Applicants must complete all major preparation/prerequisite courses listed in the SDSU General Catalog by the end of the spring term prior to fall admission.

6. Applicants must meet the cumulative grade point average (GPA) required for the nursing major in all transferable courses attempted at all regionally accredited universities, colleges, and community colleges completed as an undergraduate, independent of when the degree was granted, or meet the nursing GPA requirement in at least the last 60 semester/90 quarter units attempted of baccalaureate or graduate level courses.

7. Applicants with prior SDSU regular semester, Special Session, Open University, or cross enrollment coursework must have a minimum SDSU GPA of 2.0, in addition to the cumulative GPA listed above.

8. Classified graduate students are not eligible to apply for a second bachelor's degree.

Second bachelor's degree in nursing students are accepted as undergraduates in post-baccalaureate studies only if they are subject to graduate fees. Credit earned while a second bachelor's candidate may not be applied toward an advanced degree at a later date. Candidates for a second bachelor's degree are ineligible to enroll in 600-, 700-, 800-, and 900-numbered courses.

To receive a second bachelor's degree in nursing, the student must complete a minimum of 30 post-baccalaureate units in residence at SDSU, of which at least 15 units must be upper division courses in the major department. Upper division courses attempted at SDSU.

Candidates for a second bachelor's degree must meet additional ranking criteria. See the School of Nursing requirements.

- **Post-Baccalaureate Standing (Unclassified).** Exchange students (non-foreign), visitors from other CSU campuses, and other transfer students may be admitted for one semester as unclassified graduate students.

- **Post-Baccalaureate Standing (Classified).** A student wishing to be admitted to a program leading to a credential only or to an advanced certificate only (not an advanced degree) who meets the criteria specified under General Admission Requirements. A student must also meet the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards prescribed by the appropriate department and the Graduate Council.

- **Post-Baccalaureate Standing (Conditionally Classified).** A student wishing to be admitted to a program leading to a credential in a professional education or a certificate program who meets the criteria specified under General Admission Requirements but who has deficiencies that can be met by specific additional preparation, including qualifying examinations; or

- **Graduate Standing (Classified).** A student wishing to be admitted to a program of study leading to an advanced degree who meets the criteria specified under General Admissions Requirements; or

- **Graduate Standing (Conditionally Classified).** A student wishing to be admitted to a program of study leading to an advanced degree who meets the criteria specified under General Admission Requirements but who has deficiencies that can be met by specific additional preparation, including qualifying examinations.

Potential applicants should refer to the Graduate Bulletin under Admission and Registration, for further details.

Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate English Language Requirement

All graduate and post-baccalaureate applicants, regardless of citizenship, whose native language is not English and whose preparatory education was principally in a language other than English must demonstrate competence in English. Those who do not possess a bachelor's degree from a postsecondary institution where English is the principal language of instruction must receive a minimum score of 550 or higher (using the paper version) or 80 or higher (using the Internet version) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Students must obtain a score of 6.5 or better on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Individual degree programs may require a higher minimum score. Applicants may be required by a program to submit a score for the Test of Written English (TWE). Several CSU campuses may use alternative methods for assessing fluency in English, including Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), and the International Test of English Proficiency (ITEP).
Registration and Requirements for Registration

Registration
San Diego State University students register online through the SDSU WebPortal at http://www.sdsu.edu/portal. On campus and telephone registration are not available. The Class Schedule is available at http://www.sdsu.edu/schedule and contains specific information on registration, courses offered for the term, and a listing of the fees required for enrollment. Students will not be permitted to register until fees are paid. Payment of fees by itself does not constitute registration. A student is considered registered when: 1) fees have been paid, and 2) at least one course has been added on their class schedule.

Registration Restrictions. The registration system will check for the satisfactory completion of the following tests and requirements: EPT (English Placement Test); ELM (Entry-Level Mathematics Examination); GSP (Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation Test); and WPA (Writing Placement Assessment).

Enrollment in some courses is restricted to students in specific majors and students at specific levels (i.e., freshmen, sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate). Many course and student level restrictions are listed in the Class Schedule footnotes.

The registration system will not allow registration in courses that meet at the same time and day or have overlapping meeting times. The registration system will also not allow enrollment in more than one section of the same course unless it is repeatable.

Students entering SDSU as freshmen are required to complete coursework in composition, mathematics, oral communication, and critical thinking in a specific order. These enrollment requirements are enforced by the registration system. For more information, refer to the Major Academic Plan (MAP) at http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap.

Late Registration. Late registration is allowed during the schedule adjustment period each semester. Students wishing to register late must pay registration fees plus a $25.00 late fee by 3:30 p.m. on the 10th day from the first day of classes. After receiving an add code from the instructor the student wants to add, the student must access the SDSU WebPortal to officially register. The last day to add/drop classes is by 11:59 p.m., on the 10th day from the first day of classes. Summer deadlines will vary by session. Consult the class schedule for specific dates.

Schedule Adjustment Policy. The schedule adjustment period allows you to drop a course, add a course, withdraw from the university, and change the grading basis of a course. The schedule adjustment deadline is at 11:59 p.m. on the 10th day from the first day of classes. You are not allowed to make any schedule adjustments after this deadline and are responsible for knowing the current school's drop policy for the class and semester. The policy can be found on the academic calendar and the Class Schedule registration notice. Summer deadlines will vary by session. Consult the class schedule for specific dates.

Instructor Initiated Drop Policy. Students who do not attend the first class session of a course may be dropped from that course by the instructor within the first eight class days of the semester. Students who do not meet prerequisite requirements can also be dropped within the first eight class days of the semester. Any student dropped by the instructor during this period will be notified of the action by e-mail. It is the student's responsibility to keep a current e-mail address on file through the SDSU WebPortal at http://www.sdsu.edu/portal. To reenroll, the student must receive an add code from the instructor and reenroll in the course by 11:59 p.m. on the 10th day from the first day of classes. Summer deadlines will vary by session. Consult the class schedule for specific dates.

Not all instructors will drop students who miss the first class session or for lack of prerequisites. Students are responsible for all courses on their schedules. Students should check their online schedules regularly and take necessary action to add or drop during the schedule adjustment period.

Required Registration in Graduate Courses. Only undergraduate students who are completing their bachelor's degree and who have filed a formal request for permission to enroll for concurrent master's degree credit or for concurrent post-baccalaureate credit may be authorized to enroll in 600 and higher-numbered courses. Undergraduate students who have not received permission for concurrent enrollment may not enroll in 600 or higher-numbered courses for any purpose without prior permission of the graduate dean. Undergraduate students who enroll in advanced courses without permission are subject to administrative disapproval. The registration for graduate students who have not met the stated prerequisites for Course 799A. Thesis, at the time of registration may be canceled.
Religious Observances. By the end of the second week of classes, students should notify the instructors of affected courses of planned absences for religious observances. Instructors shall reasonably accommodate students who notify them in advance of planned absences for religious observances.

Statewide Placement Test Requirements
San Diego State University requires that each entering undergraduate, except those who qualify for an exemption, take the CSU Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) examination and the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) prior to enrollment. Admitted freshmen must take the ELM/EPT (if required) by the May test date prior to enrollment. These examinations are designed to identify entering students who may need additional support in acquiring college entry-level English and mathematics skills necessary to succeed in CSU baccalaureate-level courses. Undergraduate students who do not demonstrate college-level skills both in English and in mathematics will be placed in appropriate remedial programs and activities during the first term of their enrollment. Students placed in remedial programs in either English or mathematics must complete all remediation in their first year of enrollment. Students who do not successfully complete their remediation requirements within one year of their initial enrollment will be administratively disqualified.

Students register for the EPT and/or ELM through the Student Testing, Assessment and Research Office. Questions about test dates and registration materials may be addressed to the Prospective Student Center.

English Placement Test (EPT). The English Placement Test (EPT) is designed to assess the level of reading and writing skills of students entering the California State University. The CSU EPT must be completed by all non-exempt entering undergraduates prior to enrollment in any course, including remedial classes. Students who score 147 or above on the EPT will be placed in college-level composition classes.

Exemptions from the EPT are granted only to those who present proof of one of the following:

- A score of “Exempt” or “Ready for college-level English courses” on the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP) taken along with the English Language Arts California Standard Test in grade 11.
- A score of “Conditionally Ready for College-Level English Courses” or “Conditional” on the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP) taken in grade 11, provided successful completion of the Expository Reading and Writing Course (ERWC), AP English, IB English, or an English course approved for extra honors weight on the University of California “a-g” Doorways course list.
- A score of 500 or above on the critical reading section of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test.
- A score of 22 or above on the American College Testing (ACT) English Test.
- A score of 3 or above on either the Language and Composition or Composition and Literature examination of the College Board Scholastic Advanced Placement Program.
- A score of 4-7 on the Higher Level English A1 International Baccalaureate examination.
- Completion and transfer to CSU of the credits for a college course that satisfies the CSU General Education requirement in English Composition, provided such a course was completed with a grade of C or better.

Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Examination. The Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Examination is designed to assess and measure the level of mathematical skills acquired through three years of rigorous college preparatory mathematics coursework (Algebra I and II, and Geometry) of students entering the California State University (CSU). The CSU ELM must be completed by all non-exempt entering undergraduates prior to enrollment in any course, including remedial classes. Students who score 50 or above on the ELM will be placed in college-level mathematics classes.

Exemptions from the ELM are granted only to those who present proof of one of the following:

- A score of “Exempt” or “Ready for college-level Mathematics courses” on the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP), taken in grade 11 in conjunction with the CST in Summative High School Mathematics or Algebra II.
- A score of “Conditionally Ready for College-Level Mathematics Courses” or “Conditional” on the CSU Entry Level Mathematics Assessment Program (ELM) taken in grade 11 along with the California Standards Test in Summative High School Mathematics or Algebra II, provided successful completion of a CSU-approved 12th grade mathematics course that require Algebra II as a prerequisite.
- A score of 550 or above on the College Board Advanced Placement Calculus AB or Calculus BC examination.
- A score of 3 or above on the College Board Advanced Placement Statistics examination.
- Completion and transfer to CSU of a college course that satisfies the requirement in Quantitative Reasoning, provided such a course was completed with a grade of C or better.

Determination of Residency for Tuition Purposes
University requirements for establishing residency for tuition purposes are independent from those of other types of residency, such as for tax purposes, or other state or institutional residency. These regulations were promulgated not to determine whether a student is a resident of California, but rather to determine whether a student should pay tuition on an in-state or out-of-state basis. A resident for tuition purposes is someone who meets the requirements set forth in the Uniform Student Residency Requirements. These laws governing residency for tuition purposes at the California State University (CSU) are California Education Code sections 68000-68085, 68120-68134, and 89705-89707.5, and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Subchapter 5, Article 4, sections 41900-41916. This material can be viewed on the Internet by accessing the CSU website at http://www.calstate.edu/GC/resources.shtml.

The Office of the Admissions is responsible for determining the residency status of all new and returning students based on the Application for Admission and the Residency Questionnaire. The Office of the Registrar determines residency status for currently enrolled students using the Reclassification Request Form, and, as necessary, other evidence furnished by the student. A student who fails to submit adequate information to establish eligibility for resident classification will be classified as a nonresident.

Generally, establishing California residency for tuition purposes requires a combination of physical presence and intent to remain indefinitely. An adult who, at least one full year prior to the residency determination date for the term in which enrollment is contemplated, can demonstrate both physical presence in the state combined with evidence of intent to remain in California indefinitely may establish California residency for tuition purposes. A minor normally establishes residency from the parent(s) they reside with or most recently resided with. Evidence demonstrating intent may vary from case to case but will include, and is not limited to, the absence of residential ties to any other state, California voter registration and voting in California elections, maintaining California vehicle registration and driver's license, maintaining active California bank accounts, filing California income tax returns and listing a California address on federal tax returns, owning residential property or occupying or renting an apartment where permanent belongings are kept, maintaining active memberships in California professional or social organizations, and maintaining a permanent military address and home of record in California.

Nonresident students seeking reclassification are required to complete a supplemental questionnaire that includes questions concerning their financial dependence on parents or others who do not meet university requirements for classification as residents for tuition purposes. Financial independence is required, along with physical presence and intent, to be eligible for reclassification. Non-citizens establish residency in the same manner as citizens, unless precluded by the Immigration and Nationality Act from establishing domicile in the United States.
Exceptions to the general residency requirements are contained in California Education Code sections 68070-68085 and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Subchapter 5, Article 4, sections 41906-41906.6, and include, but are not limited to, members of the military and their dependents, certain credentialed employees of school districts and most students who have attended three years of high school in California and graduated or attained the equivalent. Whether an exception applies to a particular student cannot be determined before the submission of an application for admission and, as necessary, additional supporting documentation. Because neither campus nor Chancellor’s Office staff may give advice on the application of these laws, applicants are strongly urged to review the material for themselves and consult with a legal adviser.

Residency determination dates are set each term.

Semester Term Campuses
Fall September 20
Spring January 25
Summer June 1

CalState TEACH operates on a trimester system. The residency determination dates for CalState TEACH are as follows:
Fall September 20
Spring January 5
Summer June 1

Students classified as non-residents may appeal a final campus decision within 120 days of notification by the campus. A campus residency classification appeal must be in writing and submitted to: The California State University Office of General Counsel 401 Golden Shore, 4th Floor Long Beach, CA 90802-4210

The Office of General Counsel can either decide the appeal or send the matter back to the campus for further review. Students incorrectly classified as residents or incorrectly granted an exception from nonresident tuition are subject to reclassification as nonresidents and payment of nonresident tuition in arrears. If incorrect classification results from false or concealed facts, the student is also subject to discipline pursuant to Section 41301 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

Resident students who become nonresidents or who no longer meet the criteria for an exception must immediately notify the Office of the Registrar. Changes may have been made in the rate of nonresident tuition and in the statutes and regulations governing residency for tuition purposes in California between the time this information is published and the relevant residency determination date. Students are urged to review the statutes and regulations stated above.

Importance of Filing Complete, Accurate, and Authentic Application Documents

San Diego State University advises prospective students that they must supply complete and accurate information on the application for admission, residency questionnaire, and financial aid forms. Further, applicants must, when requested, submit authentic and recently issued official transcripts of all previous academic work attempted. Official transcripts are defined as transcripts that bear the high school or college seal and remain in their original sealed envelope. Failure to file complete, accurate, and authentic application documents by specified deadlines will result in denial of admission, and may result in cancellation of academic credit, suspension, or expulsion (Section 41301, Article 1.1, Title 5, California Code of Regulations). This requirement is effective from initial contact with the university and throughout the period the academic record is maintained.

Requirement and Use of Social Security Number

Applicants are required to include their correct social security numbers in designated places on applications for admission pursuant to the authority contained in Section 41201, Title 5, California Code of Regulations, and Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6109). The university uses the social security number to identify students and their records including identification for purposes of financial aid eligibility and disbursement and the repayment of financial aid and other debts payable to the institution. Also, the Internal Revenue Service requires the university to file information returns that include the student’s social security number and other information such as the amount paid for qualified tuition, related expenses, and interest on educational loans. This information is used by the IRS to help determine whether a student, or a person claiming a student as a dependent, may take a credit or deduction to reduce federal income taxes.

Students and applicants are issued a nine-digit ID number (RedID) for transactions that include accessing the SDSU WebPortal, registering for classes, meal plans, using library services, using Blackboard, communicating with The Center for Human Resources, financial transactions, and all student services.

CSU Immunization Requirements

Entering CSU students are required to present proof of the following immunizations to the CSU campus they will be attending before the beginning of their first term of enrollment.

Measles and Rubella. All new and readmitted students must provide proof of full immunization against measles and rubella prior to enrollment.

Hepatitis B. All new students who will be 18 years of age or younger at the start of their first term at a CSU campus must provide proof of full immunization against Hepatitis B before enrolling. Full immunization against Hepatitis B consists of three timed doses of vaccine over a minimum 4 to 6 months period. If you need further details or have special circumstances, please consult Student Health Services at 619-594-5281 or visit http://shs.sdsu.edu.

Meningococcal Disease Information. Each incoming freshman who will be residing in on-campus housing will be required to return a form indicating that they have received information about meningococcal disease and the availability of the vaccine to prevent contracting the disease and indicating whether or not the student has chosen to receive the vaccination.

The above are not admission requirements, but are required of students as conditions of enrollment in CSU.

Admission and Registration