Admission and Registration

Admission criteria listed in this catalog is for fall 2016. 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, admissions criteria OVER AND ABOVE THOSE REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY are now in effect. Meets CSU minimum admission criteria will not guarantee admission to San Diego State University.

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 premajor (including undeclared) in which they applied. There will be a limited number of enrollment slots in each premajor. 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 2016.

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).

Outside SDSU Service Area. First-time freshmen from outside SDSU’s service area are required to live in 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 no 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 Testing Services website at http://www.sdsu.edu/testoffice. Or, contact the testing agencies at:

- The College Board (SAT)
  - Registration Unit, Box 6200
  - P.O. Box 414
  - Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6200
  - Iowa City, Iowa 52240
  - 609-771-7288
  - http://www.collegeboard.org
  - SDSU Code: 4682
  - SDSU Code: 0398

- ACT Registration Unit
  - ACT Registration Unit, Box 6200
  - P.O. Box 414
  - Iowa City, Iowa 52240
  - 609-771-7288
  - http://www.act.org
  - SDSU Code: 4682
  - SDSU Code: 0398

NOTE: The College Board will be administering the new redesigned SAT in March 2016. SDSU will use the SAT evidence-based reading and writing subscore and mathematics subscore to determine admission eligibility.

Official scores should be requested from the testing service at the time you register and sent directly to SDSU.

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 courses earned in courses taken during the final three years of high school. Included in calculation of GPA are grades earned in all 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 (or evidence-based reading and writing score on new redesigned SAT) 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 3522 (SAT) or 842 (ACT).

The eligibility index may be higher for impacted CSU campuses.

Undergraduate Application Procedures
Prospective students applying for part-time or full-time undergraduate admission must complete the 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 document format (PDF). Application forms (in PDF) may also be downloaded from http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/documents/applicationform-undergraduate.pdf.

Paper applications should be mailed to the SDSU Office of Admissions. The $55 nonrefundable 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 at no cost, 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, a offer of admission is not transferrable to another term or to another campus.

Supplementary Admission Criteria
Each campus with impacted programs or admission categories 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 seeking admission to an impacted program, also must take the SAT or ACT as early as possible, but no later than 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 impacted program. Details regarding the supplemental admission criteria are published at http://www.calstate.edu/impactioninfo.shtml.
Subject Requirements
San Diego State University requires that first-time freshwater 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 courses selected from, dance, drama/theatre, music, or visual art (may complete two semester long courses selected from same discipline); and
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 coursework 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 disabled student services program. You should be aware that failure to complete courses required 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 disabled 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 freshwater applicants who report an exceptional high school record and test scores.

Admitted First-Time Freshman
All first-time freshwater 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.

Freshman Academic Success Track (FAST)
All California resident first-time freshmen admitted to San Diego State University who have remediation needs in English or mathematics will be required to enroll in the Freshman Academic Success Track (FAST) program in the summer prior to fall enrollment. The FAST program is mandatory. All students attending a CSU who need remediation are required to participate in Early Start or a summer program such as FAST to better prepare them in English and mathematics.

The goals of the FAST program are to:
• Better prepare students in English and/or mathematics, before the fall semester of freshmen 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 freshmen students who are required to complete the FAST program will be notified of the requirement and options for completing the program as part of campus communications to newly admitted students. More information regarding the FAST program is available at http://www.sdsu.edu/college/prep.

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 upper division transfer students. Students who complete college units during high school or through the summer immediately following high school graduation are considered first-time freshmen and must meet those admission requirements. Transferable courses 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 (or 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. Complete during the CSU initial admission application filing period, October/November 2015 for fall 2016 admission. Submit a supplemental application at http://www.sdsu.edu/portal, which is due by 11:59 p.m. (PST), January 25, 2016.
2. Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units by the end of spring 2016. 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 IGETC) 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 natural sciences.
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 2016.
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 transfers, an additional overall SDSU 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 2016.

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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 will have admission priority for fall 2016. All other applicants will be admitted on a space-available basis and must meet requirements (1) through (6) above.

* Students are in SDSU’s service area if 100% of their transferable credits have been completed at Cuyamaca, Grossmont, Imperial Valley, San Diego City, San Diego Mesa, San Diego Miramar, or Southwestern colleges by the end of the spring prior to fall admission (e.g. spring 2016 for fall 2016 admission).

NOTE:
- The Transfer Admission Guarantee does not apply to applicants to athletic training, dance, music, nursing, social work, theatre arts with an emphasis in performance. Acting and musical theatre, or any major for which there is an SDSU approved STAR Act (Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T)) degree.
- Nursing applicants must complete a supplementary application and meet additional ranking criteria.
- Music applicants must pass an audition for acceptance to the major. For details, see the School of Music and Dance website at http://music.sdsu.edu.
- Theatre arts with emphasis in performance: acting and musical theatre applicants must pass an audition for acceptance to the major. For information, visit http://ttf.sdsu.edu/index.php/degree_programs/general_auditions.
- SDSU is only accepting applications for students seeking a second bachelor’s degree in nursing.
- Students with international coursework must submit an international course evaluation report.

Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T)
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 (90 quarter) units. It is the responsibility of the student who has earned an AA-T/AS-T to provide documentation of the degree to the CSU campus.

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.

Admission Requirements for Adults
Adult Students
As an alternative to regular admission criteria, an applicant who is 25 years of age or older may be considered for admission as an adult student if he or she meets all of the following conditions:

1. Possesses a high school diploma (or has established equivalence through either the General Educational Development or California High School Proficiency Examinations).

2. Has not been enrolled in college as a full-time student for more than one term during the past five years. Part-time enrollment is permissible.

3. If there has been any college attendance in the past five years, has earned a grade point average of C or better in all college work attempted.

4. Test results verifying completion of the current San Diego State University mathematics and writing competency requirements. Current competency requirements and minimum test scores are published in the General Catalog and each semester’s Class Schedule; the most recent published scores will be required.

Applicants seeking admission as an adult student must submit a statement of no more than two pages describing the alternate preparation which the applicant feels has prepared him or her for successful university work. The statement should also describe the applicant’s educational goals and what preparation has been made to pursue these goals. Consideration for admission will be based upon a judgment as to whether the applicant is as likely to succeed as a regularly admitted freshman or transfer student and will include an assessment of basic skills in the English language and mathematical computation.

Appeal of Admission Decision
Section 89030.7 of the California Education Code requires the California State University to establish specific requirements for appeal procedures for a denial of admission. Each CSU campus must publish appeal procedures for applicants denied admission to the university. Detailed instructions regarding the appeals process are available at http://www.sdsu.edu/appeals.

All appeals must be received by SDSU within 30 days of date of the denied notification from the SDSU Office of Admissions. Students who were denied admission may only submit one appeal per admission term. To have an appeal reviewed, students must submit a complete packet which includes the following: admissions appeal request form, letter addressing the basis of the appeal, and supporting documentation. The appeal request must be mailed to:

University Admissions Appeals Committee
Office of Admissions
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-7455

Appeal decisions will be provided within six weeks of submission of a complete appeal package. Applicants will be notified of their appeal decision by mail using the address on file in the SDSU Office of Admissions.

Readmission
Students interested in readmission to SDSU should visit the website at http://www.sdsu.edu/admissions for the most up-to-date admission requirements. Criteria differ for students who left the university in good academic standing versus those who left on academic probation or who were academically disqualified. Students who have been disqualified twice from SDSU will not be considered for reinstatement. Students with prior SDSU enrollment through regular session, special session, Open University, or cross-enrollment must have a minimum SDSU GPA of 2.0 in all coursework, in addition to meeting all other transfer admission requirements.

International (Foreign) Student Admission Requirements
San Diego State University offers opportunities for undergraduate and graduate study to international students whose academic preparation meets the standards for admission. International applicants include those who hold U.S. temporary visas as students, exchange visitors, or in other non-immigrant classifications. SDSU uses separate requirements in the admission of international students. Verification of English proficiency (see section on English Language Requirement for undergraduate applicants), financial resources, and academic performance are each important considerations for admission.
International students who plan to attend SDSU on an F-1 student visa and have course work completed at schools outside the U.S. should complete the CSUMentor international application to apply for admission.

SDSU will begin accepting applications for admission from first-time freshmen and upper division transfer students (60 or more transferable semester units, or 90 or more transferable quarter units) and applicants seeking a second bachelor’s degree in nursing on October 1. SDSU is not accepting applications from lower division transfers (1-59 transferable units) or those seeking a second bachelor’s degree other than nursing.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: First-time freshmen international applicants graduating from a U.S. high school must apply between October 1 and November 30. First-time freshmen international applicants graduating from a high school outside of the U.S. must apply between October 1 and May 1. Transfer international applicants must apply between October 1 and November 30. All students applying to dance, music, nursing, or theatre arts (performance) must apply between October 1 and November 30.

International Freshmen
- Applicants must submit official transcripts/grade reports for each year of study completed (i.e., grades 9-12 or grades 10-12) to the SDSU Office of Admissions. Applicants must also submit a certified copy of diploma or graduation certificate, if earned. If the transcript or academic record is not issued in English, applicant will be required to send a certified literal English translation of each document, which can come directly from the school itself or from a professional, certified translator. The translation must contain all information shown on the original language document. The official transcript/academic record must be sent in a sealed envelope directly from the school, or a ministry of education.

International Transfers
- Applicants who have international coursework must submit an International Evaluation Service Report to SDSU. To submit the report, applicant must submit official international transcripts and documents directly to the address listed below and request the Detailed Report with Course Level Identification.

International Education Research Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 3665
Culver City, CA 90231
http://www.ierf.org
310-258-9451

- Applicants who have attended both U.S. schools and schools outside the U.S. must submit the International Evaluation Service Report and have academic transcripts from all U.S. schools attended sent directly to the SDSU Office of Admissions.

- Eligibility for admission will be based on the information that is provided on the admission application, the International Evaluation Service Report, U.S. transcripts (if U.S. schools were attended), and TOEFL scores, if required.

Majors with Special Instructions
- Athletic training majors transferring from two-year or four-year colleges/universities must submit a separate application to the School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences in addition to the CSUMentor application. Additional admission criteria are required for acceptance to the athletic training major and the university. For more information, visit the School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences website at http://exercise.sdsu.edu.

- Music and dance majors that meet the CSU admissions requirement must successfully pass an audition for acceptance to the major and the university. Auditions will be held in February for fall admission.

- Nursing majors transferring from two-year or four-year colleges/universities, or those seeking a second bachelor’s degree, must complete a supplemental application in addition to the CSUMentor application. Additional admission criteria are required from transfer students for the major. For more information, visit the School of Nursing website at http://nursing.sdsu.edu.

- Theatre arts with an emphasis in performance: acting and musical theatre majors that meet the CSU admissions requirement must successfully pass an audition for acceptance to the major and the university. Auditions will be held in February for fall admission.

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). These tests are administered in most foreign countries. The university must receive official test scores before admission can be granted. Information as to the time and place at which these tests are given may be obtained by going to http://www.toefl.org and http://www.ielts.org.

Upon arrival at San Diego State University, additional tests of English may be given for the purpose of placing students in an English language program commensurate with their linguistic ability in English and to assist advisers in planning an appropriate course of study. Depending upon placement test results and academic background, students may be required to enroll in one or more English language courses during their first year. Foreign students admitted to the university will be subject to the same competency and placement examinations and standards that govern the rest of the student population.

Insurance Requirement: As a condition of receiving an I-20 or DS2019 form, all F-1 and J-1 visa, applicants must agree to obtain and maintain health insurance as a condition of registration and continued enrollment. Such insurance must be in amounts as specified by the United States Information Agency (USIA) and National Association of Foreign Student Advisers (NAFSA). The campus president or designee shall determine which insurance policies meet these criteria. Further information may be obtained from the International Student Center or go to http://www.sdsu.edu/international.

American Language Institute: If English instruction is needed prior to admission to SDSU, students may enroll in the American Language Institute (ALI). The ALI offers academic preparation in English language reading, writing, and listening skills necessary for university success.

Housing and Scholarship: Arrangements for housing should be completed well in advance of the student’s arrival on the campus. Detailed information regarding housing may be obtained from the Office of Housing Administration website at http://www.sdsu.edu/housing. Scholarship aid for entering foreign students is limited. All admitted foreign students will be required to provide evidence of funding for a minimum of one academic year. Upon arrival at SDSU, the student should contact the International Student Center.

English Language Requirement
All undergraduate applicants, whose native language is not English and who have not attended schools at the secondary level or above for at least two years of full-time study (only transferable courses count toward a student's full-time status) 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). Some majors may require a higher score. Some campuses may also use alternative methods of assessing English fluency.

Filing of Documents
If admitted, official documents for international applicants must be on file no later than May 1 for fall admission. (See “Filing of Records” for details.)

Other applicants
Applicants not admissible under one of the above provisions should enroll in a community college or other appropriate institution. San Diego State University also offers a special program designed to expand educational opportunity for capable persons who, for a variety of reasons, have not previously had the opportunity. For detailed information regarding admission to this program, refer to the section of this catalog on the Educational Opportunity Program.
Online applications are available at http://www.csumentor.edu.

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appropriate filing period. All applicants, including those who graduated

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1. Transcripts from all high schools attended (not required of the graduate applicant 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-country 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, Joint Service Transcripts (JST) 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.

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• May 1 – transcripts including fall term grades and work in progress.

• June 30 – transcripts of spring term grades.

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 graduate 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 meet: (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 see International (Foreign) Student Admission Requirements. The Division of Graduate Affairs is the only official admissions authority for graduate study at San Diego State University. See the Graduate Bulletin for further details.

Faculty may register for courses in accordance with the Division of Graduate Affairs policies. Faculty holding the rank of instructor and above may be candidates for degrees on this campus. Faculty may not seek degrees or register for courses within their own departments, programs, or schools and retain faculty status in that unit.

Students who meet the minimum requirements for graduate and post-baccalaureate studies may be considered for admission 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 (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; or

• Post-Baccalaureate 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 Admissions 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).

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 2015 for fall 2016. They must file an electronic CSU Undergraduate Admission Application available at http://www.csumentor.edu by November 30.
2. Applicants are subject to admission related deadlines for undergraduate transfer students.
3. Applicants must have previously earned a baccalaureate degree from a college/university accredited by a regional accrediting association.
4. 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.
5. Applicants must meet the cumulative grade point average (GPA) 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.
   • Applicants must meet the required GPA at the time of application and maintain the GPA through the end of spring 2016 for fall 2016.
6. 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.
7. Classified graduate students are not eligible to apply for a second bachelor's degree.

Second bachelor's degree in nursing students are accepted as unclassified post-baccalaureate which means 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 all major courses attempted at SDSU.

Students seeking a second bachelor's degree in nursing have the following requirements either deemed complete or waived based on their first baccalaureate degree from a college/university accredited by a regional accrediting association:
• Competency requirements for the CSU Entry Level Mathematics Test (ELM) and CSU English Placement Test (EPT);
• The Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR);
• American Institutions Requirement;
• Residence Requirement for General Education;
• General Education requirements in sections I, II, III, and IV; and
• International Experience.

Students seeking a second bachelor's degree in nursing are subject to the undergraduate policies and procedures governing deadlines, academic probation and disqualification, catalog rights, continuous enrollment, distinction in their major for graduation, and course repeat policies. They are not eligible for course forgiveness or graduation with honors. They are not eligible to declare an additional minor, major, or to change their major from the initial second bachelor's degree program.

The second bachelor’s degree in nursing is not granted automatically. Students must take the initiative to apply for graduation using the undergraduate graduation application. See Graduation Requirements — Application for Graduation for additional information.

Intrasystem and Intersystem Enrollment Programs

Students enrolled at San Diego State University have access to courses at other CSU campuses on a space available basis unless those campuses or programs are impacted or desired programs or admission categories are closed. This access is offered without students being required to be admitted formally to the host campus and sometimes without paying additional fees. Although courses taken on any CSU campus will transfer to the student's home CSU campus as elective credit, students should consult their San Diego State University academic adviser to determine how such courses may apply to their specific degree programs before enrolling at the host campus.

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 calculated into the San Diego State University grade point average.

There are two programs for enrollment within the CSU and one for enrollment between CSU and the University of California or California community colleges. Additional information about these programs is available from the Office of the Registrar.

CSU Fully Online Courses

Matriculated students in good standing may request enrollment in one course per term, offered by a CSU host campus. Enrollment requests will be granted based on available space, as well as completion of any stated prerequisites. Credit earned at the host campus is electronically reported to the student's home campus to be included on the student's transcript at the home campus. Before enrolling in a CourseMatch course at another CSU, SDSU students should consult with their academic adviser to determine if the course can be applied toward their degree requirements.

CSU Visitor Enrollment

Matriculated students in good standing may enroll on a space available basis at San Diego State University and a host CSU campus during the same term. Credit earned at the host campus is reported at the student's request to San Diego State University to be included on the student's transcript at the home campus.

Intersystem Cross Enrollment

Matriculated CSU, UC, or community college students may enroll on a “space available” basis for one course per term at another CSU, UC, or community college and request that a transcript of record be sent to the home campus. Students who wish to enroll in a course via cross enrollment must select a class that does not have an active wait list.
Impacted Programs

The CSU designates programs as impacted when more applications from regularly eligible applicants are received in the initial filing period (October and November) than can be accommodated. All majors at San Diego State University are impacted. Students who are admitted to SDSU are placed in a premajor (including undeclared).

All premajors must meet department-specific criteria to move from the premajor to the major, such as a specified minimum grade point average, completion of prerequisite courses, tests, and completion of a certain number of units.

Criteria are described in the “Courses and Curricula by Department” section of this catalog or you may contact the major department for information. The CSU will announce during the fall filing period the supplementary criteria that will be used for impacted programs. Detailed impaction information is available at http://www.csumentor.edu, http://www.calstate.edu/sas/impaction-campus-info.shtml. Information about the supplementary criteria is also provided to program applicants. For further information visit http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/advising/impaction.html.

Applicants must file applications for admission to an impacted program during the initial filing period. Applicants who wish to be considered in impacted programs at more than one campus should file an application at each campus for which they seek admission consideration.

Statewide Placement Test Requirements

San Diego State University requires that each entering undergraduate student, 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. Applicants with a score below 147 on the ELM and 22 on the ACT will be placed in college-level mathematics classes. Students who score 50 or above on the ELM will be placed in remedial courses. Students who score 147 or above on the EPT will be placed in college-level English composition classes.

Students entering SDSU as freshmen are required to complete the Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Examination. The Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Examination is designed to assess and measure the level of mathematics 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 undergraduate students prior to enrollment in any course, including remedial courses. Students who score 30 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 result of “Standard Exceeded: Ready for CSU or participating CCC college-level coursework in mathematics” on the CAASPP Early Assessment Program (EAP) examination taken in grade 11.
- A score of 550 or above on the mathematics section of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test.
- A score of 550 or above on the College Board SAT Subject Test in Mathematics (level 1 or level 2).
- A score of 23 or above on the American College Testing (ACT) Mathematics Test.
- A score of 3 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 requirements in Quantitative Reasoning, provided such a course was completed at a grade of C or better.

Requirements for 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. A student who has not paid by the registration deadline will be assessed a late registration fee of $25. Newly admitted students MAY be exempted from this fee. The deadline to register is 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

The schedule adjustment period begins when a student first registers on their assigned day and time and runs through the schedule adjustment deadline which is the 10th day of classes at 11:59 p.m. During this period, students are responsible for checking their schedules regularly and for taking the necessary actions to add, drop, or change grading options before the schedule adjustment deadline. Students who do not attend a class and who do not ensure that the course is officially dropped in the SDSU WebPortal at http://www.sdsu.edu/portal will receive a failing grade. Schedule adjustments are accepted until 11:59 p.m. on the following dates:

Fall 2016 Semester - September 12, 2016
Spring 2017 Semester - January 31, 2017

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 applicable. All such request 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 status in the class and approved by the dean (or designee) of the college of the student’s major.

Instructor Initiated Drop. 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 the prerequisite requirements can also be dropped within the first eight class days of the semester. Any student dropped by the instructor during his period will be notified of the action by email. Not all instructors will drop students who miss the first class session or for lack of prerequisites. Students are responsible for all classes on their schedules and should check their schedules regularly to ensure accuracy. 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.

Wait List. Effective spring 2016 semester, students are able to wait list a class when it has reached capacity. The wait list option is effective when registration begins for each semester. Students will be ranked on the wait list based on specific conditions and first-come, first-serve basis. Students must manage their wait list and ranking throughout the registration period. If a spot becomes available, students will be automatically enrolled to a class on their wait list. An e-mail will be sent to students to confirm enrollment in the wait list class. 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. If you decide that you no longer want that class you have wait listed, you are responsible for removing the class from your wait list.

Improper 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 or higher-numbered courses for any purpose without prior permission of the graduate dean. 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 disenrollment. The registration for graduate students who have not met the stated prerequisites for Course 799A, Thesis, at the time of registration may be canceled.

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 financial aid or other state or institutional residency purposes. These regulations were promulgated not to determine whether a student is a resident or nonresident of California, but rather to determine whether a student should pay university fees of California resident or out-of-state basis. A resident or 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, 68120-68133, and 89705-89707.5, and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Subchapter 5, Article 4, sections 41900-41916. Residency material can be viewed on the Internet by accessing the website at http://www.csueb.edu/class/residency.

The Office of Admissions is responsible for determining the residency status of all new and returning students based on the Application for Admission, Residency Questionnaire, 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 366 days 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 derives 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 a residence 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 employment status, and financial independence. Financial independence is required, in addition to physical presence and intent, to be eligible for reclassification. Financial independence is established if in the calendar year the reclassification application is made and in any of the three calendar years preceding the reclassification application the student:

• Has not and will not be claimed as an exemption for state and federal tax purposes by his/her parent;
• Has not and will not receive more than seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750) per year in financial assistance from his/her parent; and
• Has not lived and will not live longer than six (6) weeks in the home of parents during any calendar quarter or semester.

A nonresident student who has been appointed as a graduate student teaching assistant, a graduate student research assistant, or a graduate student teaching associate on any CSU campus and is employed on a 0.49 or more time basis is exempt from the financial independence requirement.

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 41906-41916, 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 or more years of high school (grades 9-12) in California and graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent of graduation.

Whether an exception applies to a particular student can only be determined after 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 advisor.

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 nonresidents 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 refer the matter 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 may result in denial of admission, cancellation of registration or 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.

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.

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.