Admission and Registration

Admission criteria listed in this catalog is for fall 2013. For the most up-to-date admission criteria, visit the SDSU Office of Admissions Web site 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, for 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.

Undergraduate Admission Requirements

First-Time Freshman Requirements
Due to the severity of the California state budget, all first-time freshmen applicants 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 2013. 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 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 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 Web site at http://www.sdsu.edu/testoffice. Or, you contact the testing agencies at:

The College Board SAT Program
P.O. Box 25505
Miami, FL 33102
888-227-4282
http://www.collegeboard.org

ACT Records
P.O. Box 461
Iowa City, Iowa 52243-0451
319-337-1313
http://www.actstudent.org

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 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 scores of the SAT. 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. 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 admissions tests in the computation of the CSU eligibility index.
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 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. 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

Beginning with the class of 2012, the California State University (CSU) has enacted a systemwide mandatory Early Start Program for entering resident freshmen who are not proficient in English or mathematics. Freshmen will need to start the remediation process and begin work on becoming ready for college-level English or mathematics before the start of their first term.

The goals of the Early Start Program are to:

• Better prepare students in mathematics and English, 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.

For 2013, SDSU resident freshmen students would be required to participate in the Early Start Program if their ELM score is less than 50 and/or their EPT score is less than 147. 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 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 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 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 for 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. Apply during the CSU initial admission application filing period, October/November 2012 for fall 2013 admission. Submit a supplemental application at http://www.sdsu.edu/portal, which is due by 6 p.m. (PST), January 23, 2013.
2. Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units by the end of spring 2013. Transferable units are defined as courses that are transferable 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” 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 2013.
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 2013.
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 2013. 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.

6. Applicants who meet the criteria listed above and who meet the required GPA for the major or 2.4, whichever is higher will be guaranteed admission for fall 2015. All other applicants will be admitted on a space-available basis and must meet requirements (1) through (6) 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 fall 2015. 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 Web site 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 Web site at http://music.sdsu.edu.
- 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.

Student Transfer Achievement Reform (STAR) Act (SB 1440)

The Associate in Arts (AA-T) and the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) degrees offered at the California Community College (CCC) are designed to provide clear pathways to corresponding CSU degree majors for CCC transfer applicants earning these degrees.

California Community College students who earn a transfer associate (AA-T or AS-T) degree 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.

Applicants must be accepted at a regionally accredited institution 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.

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 equivalency 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.

Students 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 the denial 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 Web site at http://www.sdsu.edu/admissions for the most up-to-date admission criteria. 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 graduate and undergraduate study to those foreign students whose academic preparation meets the standards for admission. “Foreign students” 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 foreign students. Verification of English proficiency (see the section on the English Language Requirement for undergraduate applicants), financial resources, and academic performance are each important considerations for admission.

Applicants for admission as either graduates or undergraduates whose education has been in a foreign country must file an application for admission and submit official certificates, and detailed transcripts of record from each secondary school and collegiate institution attended. All documents, transcripts, international course evaluation reports, and test scores for undergraduate admissions must be received by the Office of Admissions no later than May 1 for the fall semester. If certificates and transcripts are not in English, they should be accompanied by certified English translations. Credentials will be evaluated in accordance with the general regulations governing admission 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). 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, further 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 their performance on the placement test and their academic background, students may be required to enroll in one or more English language course(s) during their first year. Foreign students admitted to the university will be subject to the same competency and placement examinations and standards as govern the rest of the student population.

Insurance Requirement: As a condition of receiving an I-20 or IAP-66 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 NAFSA: Association of International Educators. 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://isc.sdsu.edu.

American Language Institute: If English instruction is needed prior to admission to San Diego State University, students may enroll in the American Language Institute. The American Language Institute (ALI) offers preparation in the English language reading, writing, and listening skills necessary for university success. For those students enrolling in the American Language Institute, a conditional admission is possible. All students must file an application with the Office of Admissions with a high school or government sponsorship. The program is offered to students who do not have an adequate command of English or the required TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score to qualify for admission to the university. After transcripts of their academic work have been evaluated, students may receive an official letter of conditional admission which states that the student has met all university requirements except English language proficiency and may enter the university after achieving appropriate TOEFL or IELTS scores and receiving training at the American Language Institute.

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 Web site at http://www.sdsu.edu/housing. Scholarships are specifically reserved for students from another country. Further information regarding scholarships will be found in the section of this catalog on Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Upon arrival at San Diego State University, the student should contact the International Student Center.

English Language Requirement

All undergraduate transfer 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.

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-country courses), even if no courses were completed. Graduate students must file 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 Web site 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.)
4. A course evaluation report for any coursework completed at an international institution (not required of graduate students; see Graduate Bulletin). To obtain a report, send official copies of your international academic transcripts to the evaluation service company listed below. Request the specified evaluation report be sent directly to the SDSU Office of Admissions. Your international evaluation services report will be used to determine your eligibility for admission.

Detail Report with Course Level

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

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.

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Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Admission Requirements

Admission Requirements

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 fill 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 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 complete and 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 official transcripts and examination scores to Graduate Admissions only. Students are required to apply online. Online applications are available at http://www.csumentor.edu.

Other applications are no longer permitted for general admission. 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.

General Admission 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. Applicants for any type of graduate study at San Diego State University must: (a) 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; (b) have attained a grade point average of at least 2.85 in an acceptable 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 GRE or GMAT for degree seeking applicants (not required for credential or certificate applicants).

Students who meet the minimum requirements for graduate and post-baccalaureate studies may be considered for admission in one of the four following categories:

- Graduate Classified. To pursue a graduate degree, applicants are required to fulfill all of the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, prescribed by the campus; or
- Graduate Conditionally Classified. Applicants may be admitted to a graduate degree program in this category if, in the opinion of appropriate campus authority, deficiencies may be remedied by additional preparation; or
- Post-Baccalaureate Classified (e.g. admission to an education credential program). Persons wishing to enroll in a credential or certificate program, will be required to satisfy additional professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, prescribed by the campus; or
- Post-Baccalaureate Unclassified. To enroll in undergraduate courses as preparation for advanced degree programs or to enroll in graduate courses for professional or personal growth, applicants must be admitted as post-baccalaureate unclassified students. By meeting the general requirements, applicants are eligible for admission as post-baccalaureate unclassified students. Admission in this status does not constitute admission to, or assurance of consideration for admission to, any graduate degree or credential program (Most CSU campuses do not offer admission to unclassified post-baccalaureate students).

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 2012 for fall 2013. 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 Web site 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.
   • Applicants must meet the required GPA at the time of application and maintain the GPA through the end of spring 2013 for fall 2013.
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 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 a minimum of 30 post-baccalaureate units in residence at SDSU, of which at least 15 units must be upper division courses attempted in the nursing major (numbered 300-599). Students must fulfill all current preparation for major and major requirements. In addition they must meet the following GPA requirements:
   • 2.00 minimum SDSU grade point average based on all courses attempted at SDSU.
   • 2.00 minimum major grade point average based on all upper division courses attempted in the major department. Upper division courses required for the major but taught outside the major department are also included in the grade point average.

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.
   • 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 admission to the desired program 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.

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 Concurrent 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 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.

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.

Impacted Programs

All majors at San Diego State University have more students wanting to declare that major than can be accommodated. As such, they are designated as impacted majors. All 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 campuses will use for impacted programs. Detailed impaction information is available at http://www.calstate.edu/sas/impaction-campus-info.shtml and via http://www.csumentor.edu. 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.
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. On campus and telephone registration will not be accepted. The Class Schedule 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 prior to the first day of classes.

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). Major code 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 day and time 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 before 3:30 p.m. on the 10th day of the semester. After receiving an add code from the instructor of the course the student wants to add, the student must access the SDSU WebPortal to officially register. The last day to add/drop classes is 11:59 p.m. on the 10th day of the semester. 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 of the term. You are not allowed to make any schedule adjustments after this deadline and are responsible for knowing the current semester’s date for this deadline, which 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 and the beginning of the second 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 prerequisites 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 reinroll in the course by 11:59 p.m. on the 10th class day of the semester. 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 AND THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND 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 courses during the schedule adjustment period.

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 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. Undergraduates 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.

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 courses. 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 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.
- 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.

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 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 550 or above on the mathematics section of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test.
A score of 550 or above on a 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 requirement in Quantitative Reasoning, provided such a course was completed with a grade of C or better.
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 Early Assessment Program (EAP) taken in grade 11 along with the California Standards Test in Summative High School Mathematics or Algebra II, provided the student is enrolled in a CSU-approved 12th grade math course that require Algebra II as a prerequisite.

**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 or nonresident 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 68000-68090, and 68120-68134, and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Subchapter 5, Article 4, sections 68070-68084 and 68 120-68 134, and 89705-89707.5. 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:

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CalState TEACH operates on a trimester system. The residency determination dates for CalState TEACH are as follows:

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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 68070-68084 and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Subchapter 5, Article 4, sections 41906-41906.5, and include, but are not limited to, members of the military and their dependents, General Counsel, and the California Department of Education, 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.

**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 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 41901, 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](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.