

Graduate Division

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Organization and Administration

The Graduate Division is under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Provost whose administrative officer is the Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate Division. In coordination with the Graduate Council, the Division has responsibility for all graduate curricula and policy matters governing graduate study at San Diego State University. The Dean of the Graduate Division serves as chair of the Graduate Council.

The Graduate Division admits all students to the University and to authorized graduate degree curricula, determines students' eligibility to continue in such curricula and, in the cases of unsatisfactory performance, requires students to withdraw from graduate curricula and the University.

The Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate Division is the appropriate University authority for the administration of all matters related to graduate admissions, academic status, and graduate degree curricula, minimum requirements for which are specified in Section 40510 of the *California Code of Regulations*.

Association Membership

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

Degrees Offered

All master's degrees are conferred by the Trustees of The California State University upon recommendation of the faculty of San Diego State University. These degree programs provide instruction for graduate students in the liberal arts and sciences, in applied fields, and in the professions, including the teaching profession.

Doctor of Philosophy degrees are awarded jointly by the Board of Regents of the University of California and the Board of Trustees of The California State University in the names of San Diego State University and the cooperating campus of the University of California; in Education, jointly by the Board of Trustees of The California State University and the Board of Fellows of Claremont Graduate University. The Doctor of Education degree (Ed.D.) is awarded jointly by the Board of Trustees of The California State University and the Trustees of the University of San Diego in the names of San Diego State University and the University of San Diego.

Doctor of Philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is offered in the following fields:

Biology	Engineering Sciences/Applied Mechanics
Chemistry	Geography
Clinical Psychology	Language and Communicative Disorders
Computational Science	Mathematics and Science Education
Ecology	Public Health/Epidemiology
Education	

Doctor of Education

The Doctor of Education degree is offered in the following fields:

Educational Technology
Teaching and Learning

Master's Degrees

Master of Business Administration
Master of City Planning
Master of Engineering
Master of Music

Master of Public Administration
Master of Public Health
Master of Social Work

Master of Fine Arts

The Master of Fine Arts degree is offered in the following fields:

Art
Creative Writing
Theatre Arts

Master of Arts

The Master of Arts degree is offered in the following fields:

Anthropology	Geography	Political Science
Art	History	Psychology
Asian Studies	Interdisciplinary Studies	Rhetoric and Writing
Biology	Latin American	Studies
Chemistry	Studies	Sociology
Communication	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Spanish
Communicative Disorders	Linguistics	Television, Film and
Economics	Mathematics	New Media Production
Education	Music	Theatre Arts
English	Philosophy	Women's Studies
French	Physical Education	
	Physics	

Master of Science

The Master of Science degree is offered in the following fields:

Accountancy	Counseling	Nursing
Aerospace Engineering	Criminal Justice and	Nutritional Sciences
Applied Mathematics	Criminology	Physics
Astronomy	Electrical Engineering	Psychology
Biology	Exercise Physiology	Public Health
Business Administration	Geological Sciences	Radiological Health
Chemistry	Gerontology	Physics
Child Development	Interdisciplinary	Regulatory Affairs
Civil Engineering	Studies	Rehabilitation Counseling
Computer Science	Mechanical Engineering	Statistics
Computational Science	Microbiology	

Concurrent Degrees

Concurrent degrees are offered in the following fields:
Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor
Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies
Master of Public Health and Master of Social Work
Master of Science in Nutritional Science and
Master of Science in Exercise Physiology
Master of Social Work and Juris Doctor

Cooperative Degree Program

Master of Science in Geological Sciences and
Doctor of Science in Earth Sciences

Admission to Graduate Study

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 *Bulletin of the Graduate Division* 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 postbaccalaureate study (that is, advanced degree applicants, those seeking credentials or advanced certificates, and those interested in taking courses for personal or professional reasons) must file a complete application within the appropriate filing period. **Second baccalaureate degree candidates should apply as undergraduate degree applicants.** A complete application for graduate study includes the graduate and postbaccalaureate admission application plus supplementary materials determined by individual departments. Postbaccalaureate applicants, including those who completed undergraduate degree requirements and were graduated from this University, are also required to complete and submit an application and the \$55.00 nonrefundable application fee. Since applicants for graduate programs may be limited to the choice of a single CSU campus on each application, approvals for redirection to alternative campuses or later changes of campus choice will be minimal. Graduate applicants who wish to be **assured** of initial consideration by more than one campus must submit separate applications (including fees) to each. Online applications are available at www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp/.

If necessary, paper applications should be sent to:

Graduate Admissions
San Diego State University
San Diego, CA 92182-8020

General Admission Requirements

Applicants for any type of graduate study at San Diego State University must: (a) hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from 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 2.75 (when A equals 4) in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted (this calculation may not include lower division courses taken after award of a baccalaureate degree); and (c) have been in good standing at the last institution attended. Applicants who do not qualify for admission under provisions (a) and (b) may be admitted by special action if the Graduate Dean determines that there is other academic or professional evidence sufficient to warrant such action. **The Graduate Division is the only official admissions authority for graduate study at San Diego State University. See Bulletin of the Graduate Division for further details.**

Members of the faculty of San Diego State University holding appointments at or above the rank of instructor or lecturer may not be candidates for degrees at this University. Faculty may register for courses as postbaccalaureate unclassified students.

Admission Categories

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

Postbaccalaureate Standing (Unclassified)

Only a limited number of students may be considered for admission to the University in postbaccalaureate standing (unclassified). Some wishing to enroll in courses for personal or professional reasons may be so admitted, as may those pursuing a second baccalaureate degree. In rare cases, students may also be admitted in this category for the purpose of removing some prior academic deficiencies. Students who are applying to take prerequisites for professional health schools should indicate premedical, pre dental, preveterinary medicine, etc., on their application. Admission with postbaccalaureate standing (unclassified) does not constitute admission to, or assurance of consideration for admission to, advanced degree curricula. Students admitted in this category may not enroll in 600-, 700-, 800- and 900-numbered courses without special permission of the instructor and the graduate adviser of the department or school in which the course is offered. Applicants for admission with postbaccalaureate standing (unclassified) should consult the *Bulletin of the Graduate Division* for deadline dates for submission of applications.

A student who is enrolled in the University with postbaccalaureate standing may request acceptance into an advanced degree curriculum with graduate standing (classified or conditionally classified). Applications for such continuing students are available from the Graduate Division. Reports of the GRE General test scores must be on file at the University before continuing students may apply for graduate standing (classified).

Postbaccalaureate 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) must meet 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. The applicant should consult the department involved for information concerning specific admission requirements and should submit a departmental application during the appropriate filing period. Admission with postbaccalaureate standing (classified) does not constitute admission to, or assurance of consideration for admission to, advanced degree curricula.

Graduate Standing (Classified)

A student wishing to be admitted to a program of study leading to an advanced degree must meet the criteria specified under General Admission Requirements, and, in addition, must:

- Achieve a satisfactory score on the GRE General test. (Students holding an advanced degree from an institution that is a member of the Council of Graduate Schools are exempted from this requirement; students applying to the College of Business Administration will take the Graduate Management Admission Test. See the *Bulletin of the Graduate Division* for other possible exemptions.)
- Have completed an undergraduate major appropriate to the field in which the prospective student desires to earn an advanced degree.
- Satisfy the special departmental or college requirements as stated in Part Three of the *Bulletin of the Graduate Division* under "Courses and Curricula."
- Meet the professional, personal, and scholastic standards for graduate study established by the department and the Graduate Council.

Students admitted with graduate standing (classified) are admitted to authorized advanced degree curricula and may enroll in courses numbered 600 and above. Such admission does not imply that a student will be advanced to candidacy for an advanced degree.

Conditional 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 Admission Requirements but who has deficiencies in the criteria for graduate standing (classified) may be granted conditional graduate standing (classified) if the deficiencies can be met by specific additional preparation, including qualifying examinations. Not more than 15 semester units may be assigned to satisfy undergraduate deficiencies in the major and all course conditions must be met within five semesters from the time of initial enrollment. If submission of acceptable scores on the GRE or GMAT is specified, that condition must be met before the beginning of the second semester of graduate coursework. Students admitted with conditional graduate standing (classified) are admitted to authorized advanced degree curricula and may enroll in 600- and 700-numbered courses. Once the conditions established by the department, school, or college have been met, the student should request that the program graduate adviser file a change of status form with the Graduate Division.

Bulletin of the Graduate Division

Complete details on the operation and administration of these requirements, together with other information on graduate study, will be found in the *Bulletin of the Graduate Division*, which is available at the Bookstore and also available on the Web site at libweb.sdsu.edu/bulletin/.