
Courses and Curricula

This section contains the specific requirements for all graduate degrees authorized at San Diego State University by the Board of Trustees of The California State University. These specific requirements of departments or schools supplement and are in addition to the basic requirements for advanced degrees as stated in Part Two of this bulletin. All official master's degree programs must be prepared in conformity with the specific requirements for the degree in question.

In addition, courses acceptable for credit toward an advanced degree are listed under major fields and areas of concentration. Each course is listed by department number, title, and units. Not all courses are offered every semester or every academic year. Ordinarily each listed course will be offered not less than once during a two-year period. Refer to the **Class Schedule** or the Summer Session Bulletin for a listing of course offerings.

San Diego State University reserves the right to withdraw any course listed in the class schedule for which the enrollment is not sufficient to warrant the organization of a class.

Postbaccalaureate (Unclassified) Enrollment

A postbaccalaureate student (unclassified) is not eligible to enroll in 600-, 700-, 800-, and 900-numbered courses except by special permission of the instructor and the graduate adviser of the school or department in which the course is offered. All credit earned by a postbaccalaureate student (unclassified) is subject to evaluation as to its acceptance for graduate credit in a master's degree curriculum. Classified or conditionally classified students whose status is changed to postbaccalaureate (unclassified) for any reason may not enroll in any 600-, 700-, 800-, or 900-numbered course in the program in which they were previously classified without the consent of the graduate adviser of the program and the Graduate Dean. Students who enroll in such courses without consent may be administratively disenrolled or, if they complete any courses, those courses may not be used subsequently to meet any degree requirements.

Prerequisites for Graduate Courses

Graduate level (600-, 700-, 800-, and 900-numbered) courses require, as general prerequisites, graduate standing, and competence in the specified field as indicated by a substantial amount of upper division study in the field or in a closely related field. Unless otherwise specified in the course description, graduate level courses are open to classified graduate students with the permission of the instructor. Undergraduate students are not permitted to enroll in 600-, 700-, 800-, and 900-numbered courses except under special circumstances (see section "Concurrent Master's Degree Credit"). Unauthorized enrollment of

undergraduate students in 600-, 700-, 800-, and 900-numbered courses may be canceled or, if the course is completed before graduate standing is attained, only undergraduate credit will be earned for the course.

Students must complete a course prerequisite (or its equivalent) prior to registering for the course to which it is prerequisite. Students who have not completed the stated prerequisite must notify the instructor not later than the end of the second week of class in order for the instructor to determine if the student has completed the equivalent of the prerequisite.

Special Prerequisites for Registration in 798 and 799A

Registration in course 798, Special Study, must be arranged through the instructor, the major adviser, and the chair of the department concerned. Forms for this purpose are available in the departmental offices.

Only those students who have been advanced to candidacy and who have an officially appointed thesis committee are permitted to register for course 799A, Thesis. The student must obtain clearance for registration in this course from the Graduate Division. Failure to obtain this clearance may result in cancellation of enrollment.

Special Prerequisite for Registration in 899

Registration in course 899, Doctoral Dissertation, is limited to those doctoral students who have been advanced to candidacy and who have an officially appointed dissertation committee.

Thesis Extension (799B)

This course is intended solely for those graduate students who have had prior registration in Thesis 799A with an assigned grade symbol of SP. Students are required to register in 799B (0 units, Cr/NC) in any semester or term following assignment of SP in course 799A in which they expect to use the facilities and resources of the University. They must also be registered in the course when the completed thesis is submitted for thesis review.

Unit or Credit Hour

In the listing of courses that follows, figures in parentheses indicate the unit value of the course. One unit or credit hour represents 50 minutes of recitation or lecture, together with the required preparation, or three hours of laboratory work or two hours of activities, each week for a semester.