
Continuing Education

Limitations on Open University and Special Sessions Credit

Not more than nine units of combined coursework in Open University and special sessions completed prior to admission to an advanced degree or an advanced certificate program will be acceptable on a program of study. Admission to an advanced program requires formal admission to the University and enrollment in at least one course offered in the regular semester or term for which the student was admitted, a recommendation of the graduate adviser of the particular program, and the approval of the Dean of the Graduate Division. Once matriculated, students may take additional courses in Open University to meet degree or certificate requirements only with the prior permission of the Dean of the Graduate Division.

Open University

Most regular on-campus courses are open to students through enrollment in Open University. Open University courses earn matriculated resident credit and enrollment for students not seeking an advanced degree or advanced certificate and does not require formal admission to the University. Enrollment in courses through Open University is on a space available basis with the consent of the instructor and approval of the chair of the department in which the course is offered. Students pay College of Extended Studies fees for these units. The course repeat policy applies to courses repeated through Open University. Consult the College of Extended Studies or the current Class Schedule for complete details on Open University qualifications and registration procedures. A maximum of 24 units earned through Open University, Extension, and credit by examination combined may be used toward total units required for the bachelor's degree.

Open University classes may not be taken by the following:

1. Nonmatriculated foreign students (nonresidents from non-English-speaking countries) with a score of less than 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or its equivalent.
2. Foreign students with I-20 visas from another university.
3. SDSU matriculated students.

Extension

In order to meet the needs of the adult community as well as matriculated students, the campus provides a variety of extension courses, workshops, and Open University. For the convenience of adult students, most courses are scheduled in the evenings or on weekends, on campus or at convenient learning extension centers throughout the service area.

Extension Courses

Extension courses are offered each semester in a number of areas. Many courses and programs are developed in cooperation with off-campus organizations and groups who have identified specific needs. Many one-unit weekend workshops are also offered throughout the year. These courses are listed in a special Extended Studies Catalog published three times a year.

There is no limit on the total number of extension units for which a student may enroll; however, the maximum extension credit which may be used toward bachelor's degree requirements at San Diego State University is 24 units. Extension work is considered the same as transfer credit and is therefore not included in the student's San Diego State University scholastic average.