Organization and Administration

The Division of Graduate Affairs is under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Provost whose administrative officers are the vice president for research and the dean of the Division of Graduate Affairs. 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 Division of Graduate Affairs serves as chair of the Graduate Council.

The Division of Graduate Affairs, in conjunction with Graduate Admissions, admits all students to the university. The Division of Graduate Affairs authorizes graduate degree curricula, evaluates, and processes students for graduation. The Division of Graduate Affairs also 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 dean of the Division of Graduate Affairs 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 and a professional doctorate (Au.D.) degree 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. The Doctor of Education degree (Ed.D.) in educational leadership, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), and the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) are awarded by the Board of Trustees of The California State University.

Doctor of Philosophy

Biology (Cell and Molecular)  Evolutionary Biology
Chemistry  Geography
Clinical Psychology  Geophysics
Computer Science/Statistics  Interdisciplinary Research on Substance Use
Ecology  Language and Communicative Disorders
Education  Mathematics and Science Education
Engineering Sciences  Public Health/Epidemiology
Bioengineering  Public Health/Global Health
Electrical and Computer Engineering  Public Health/Health Behavior
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Doctor of Education

Education
Doctor of Education Leadership:
Concentration in PreK-12 Leadership
Concentration in Community College/Postsecondary Leadership

Professional Doctorates

Audiology
Doctor of Nursing Practice
Doctor of Physical Therapy

Educational Specialist

Ed.S. in School Psychology

Master of Arts

Anthropology  French
Art  Geography
Asian Studies  History
Chemistry  Interdisciplinary Studies
Biology  Latin American Studies
Chicana and Chicano Studies  Liberal Arts and Sciences
Communication  Linguistics
Economics  Mathematics
Education  Music
English  Philosophy

Master of Science

Accountancy  Computer Science
Aerospace Engineering  Counseling
Applied Mathematics  Criminal Justice and Criminology
Astronomy  Electrical Engineering
Bioengineering  Exercise Physiology
Bioinformatics and Medical Informatics  Geography
Biological Sciences  Geological Sciences
Business Administration  Gerontology
Chemistry  Homeland Security
Child Development  Hospitality and Tourism Management
Civil Engineering  Information Systems
Computational Science  Interdisciplinary Studies

Professional 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

Art
Creative Writing
Film and Television Production
Theatre Arts

Concurrent Degrees

Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor
Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies
Master of Public Administration and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies
Master of Public Health and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies
Master of Science in Nutritional Science and Master of Science in Exercise Physiology
Master of Social Work and Juris Doctor
Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health
Graduate Admission Categories

Applicants seeking admission to graduate study at San Diego State University must apply and be accepted 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 (Conditional Classified, Credential, and Certificate).** Persons wishing to enroll in a credential in professional education or an advanced certificate program who meet the criteria specified under General Admission Requirements but who have deficiencies for classified admission to the department's credential or certificate program. Admission is dependent on if the deficiencies can be met by specific additional preparation, including qualifying examinations. No more than 18 semester units may be assigned to satisfy deficiencies in prerequisite education; or
- **Post-Baccalaureate Standing (Classified).** Persons wishing to enroll in a credential (only) or advanced certificate (only) program. Persons will also be required to satisfy additional professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, as prescribed by the appropriate department and campus; or
- **Graduate Standing (Conditional Classified).** Applicants may be admitted to a graduate degree program in this category if deficiencies may be remedied by additional preparation, as determined by appropriate campus authority; or
- **Graduate Standing (Classified).** To pursue a graduate degree, applicants are required to fulfill all of the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, as prescribed by the campus under General Admission Requirements.

These and other CSU admissions requirements are subject to change as policies are revised and laws are amended. The CSU website [http://www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu) and the CSU admissions portal [http://www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) are good sources of the most up-to-date information. For SDSU graduate admission procedures, see the Admission and Registration section of this catalog.

**Graduate Bulletin**

A Graduate Bulletin is published annually which contains complete details on SDSU graduate study. The Graduate Bulletin can be accessed online at [http://www.sdsu.edu/catalog/bulletin](http://www.sdsu.edu/catalog/bulletin).