Division of Graduate Affairs

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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 and the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) are awarded by the Board of Trustees of The California State University.

Doctor of Philosophy
Biological Sciences
Chemistry
Clinical Psychology
Computational Science/Statistics
Ecology
Education
Engineering Sciences
Bioengineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Structural Engineering
Evolutionary Biology
Geography

Geophysics
Interdisciplinary Research on Substance Use
Language and Communicative Disorders
Mathematics and Science Education
Public Health/Epidemiology
Public Health/Global Health
Public Health/Health Behavior

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

Professional Doctorates
Audiology
Doctor of Physical Therapy

Educational Specialist
Ed.S. in School Psychology

Master of Arts
Anthropology
Art
Asian Studies
Biology
Chemistry
Chicana and Chicano Studies
Communication
Economics
Education
English
French
Geography
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
Latin American Studies

Master of Science
Accountancy
Aerospace Engineering
Applied Mathematics
Astronomy
Bioinformatics and Medical Informatics
Bioengineering
Biotechnology
Business Administration
Chemistry
Child Development
Civil Engineering
Computational Science
Computer Science
Counseling
Criminal Justice and Criminology
Cybersecurity Management
Electrical Engineering
Epidemiology
Exercise Physiology

Learning Design and Technology
Liberal Arts and Sciences
Linguistics
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Rhetoric and Writing Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
Teaching
Theatre Arts
Women’s Studies

Geography
Geological Sciences
Global Business Development
Gerontology
Homeland Security
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Information Systems
Interdisciplinary Studies
Kinesiology
Mechanical Engineering
Medical Physics
Meeting and Event Management
Microbiology
Nursing
Nutritional Sciences
Physics
Psychology
Public Health
Regulatory Affairs
Rehabilitation Counseling
Statistics
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 (Conditionally 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 (Conditionally 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 and the CSU admissions portal http://www.calstate.edu/apply 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 that contains complete details on SDSU graduate study. The Graduate Bulletin can be accessed online at http://www.sdsu.edu/catalog/bulletin.