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 Four 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 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.

**Absence from Class**

**Instructor Initiated Drop Policy**

Students who do not attend the first class session of a course may be dropped from that course by the instructor within the first eight class days of the semester. Students who do not meet prerequisite requirements can also be dropped within the first eight class days of the semester. Any student dropped by the instructor during this period will be notified of the action by e-mail. It is the student’s responsibility to keep a current e-mail address on file through the SDSU ePortal.

As of July 1, 2011, federal law (Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, sections 600.2 and 600.4) requires all accredited institutions to comply with the federal definition of the credit hour. For all CSU degree programs and courses bearing academic credit, the “credit hour” is defined as “the amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that reasonably approximates not less than:

1. One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately 15 weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or 10 to 12 weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or

2. At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.”

A credit hour is assumed to be a 50-minute period. In courses in which “seat time” does not apply, a credit hour may be measured by an equivalent amount of work, as demonstrated by student achievement.

**Prerequisites for Graduate Courses**

Students must satisfy course prerequisites (or their equivalent) prior to beginning the course requiring the prerequisite. Faculty have the authority to enforce prerequisites listed in the bulletin, to evaluate equivalent preparation, and to require proof that such prerequisites/preparation have been completed. Faculty may, during the first week of classes, request students without the prerequisites or equivalent preparation to take formal action to drop the course. Failure to comply will result in a failing grade.

**Special Topics Courses 596 and 696**

No more than 12 units of coursework numbered 596 and/or 696 may be applied to a graduate degree; up to six units for an advanced certificate program with approval of the graduate adviser and graduate dean of the Division of Graduate Affairs. Special topics courses may also not constitute more than half the units toward a degree or certificate program.

**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 Division of Graduate Affairs. Failure to obtain this clearance may result in cancellation of enrollment.

**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 or RP. Credit is issued for 799B if the final version of the thesis (approved by Montezuma Publishing) is submitted, paid for, and published by the publishing deadline that semester. If this does not happen, the 799B course has not been completed and a grade of NC (no credit) is issued. After receiving a grade of NC in 799B, students can register again for 799B in a future semester. A grade of NC is issued each time a 799B student does not submit his or her thesis to Montezuma Publishing by that semester’s deadline. Although credit may be given retroactively for the outstanding report in progress (RP) in 799A, any 799B NC grades from previous semesters remain NC.

**Comprehensive Examination Extension (799C)**

Enrollment in 799C (0 units) is intended solely for those graduate students who have completed all degree requirements except for the comprehensive examination (Plan B) option. Enrollment in 799C is not necessary if a student is enrolled in other coursework during the semester they take the comprehensive examination. Enrollment in 799C is limited to two semesters. A grade of NC is issued for 799C if during the term the student is registered in 799C does not complete the comprehensive exam. Students who have satisfied the comprehensive exam requirement are not allowed to register in 799C.

**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.
Hybrid, Online, and Intercampus Courses

Hybrid, online, and intercampus classes involve a formal educational process in which student and instructor are not necessarily in the same physical location, but interact in a synchronous or asynchronous manner through technology. Classes in which 20% to 50% of the scheduled sessions are conducted through this process are defined as hybrid. Classes in which greater than 50% of the scheduled sessions are conducted through this process are defined as online. Classes in which the instructor is located on one SDSU campus and interacts with students on another SDSU campus shall be defined as intercampus; such intercampus classes shall be arranged through consultations between the instructor and the appropriate personnel on each campus. For all three class modes, any required synchronous interactions (e.g., weekly sessions, aperiodic examinations, capstone presentations) shall be clearly established in the official schedule of classes with respect to specific dates, days, times, and locations as appropriate. Hybrid, online, and intercampus courses offered each term can be found in the Class Schedule.

Faculty Office Hours

All faculty members are required to hold regularly scheduled office hours during the week to allow for student consultation. A schedule of those hours and contact information is posted outside each faculty member’s office door and on their course syllabi.

Accreditation

San Diego State University is accredited by the Senior College and University Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda CA 94501, 510-748-9001; FAX 510-748-9797; http://www.wascsenior.org. It is also approved to train veterans under the G.I. Bill. San Diego State University’s programmatic accreditation is through membership in the following associations:

- Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)
  415 N. Charles Street
  Baltimore, MD 21201

- Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (Preventive Medicine Residency Program)
  401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2000
  Chicago, IL 60611
  312-755-7498, https://www.acgme.org

- American Chemical Society
  Committee on Professional Training
  1155 Sixteenth Street, NW
  Washington, D.C. 20036
  202-872-4600, http://www.acs.org

- American College of Nurse Midwives Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education
  8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1550
  Silver Spring, MD 20910

- American Psychological Association (Clinical Psychology)
  750 First Street, NE
  Washington, D.C. 20002

- California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
  1900 Capitol Avenue
  Sacramento, CA 95811

- Commission on Accreditation Athletic Training Education
  6850 Austin Center Boulevard, Suite 100
  Austin, TX 78731

- Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education
  610 Executive Boulevard, Suite 614
  Rockville, MD 20852

- Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education
  112 South Alfred Street
  Alexandria, VA 22314
  703-838-9808, http://www.amftr.org/IMIS15/AAMFT

- Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
  1111 North Fairfax Street
  Alexandria, VA 22314

- Council for Interior Design Accreditation
  206 Grandville Avenue, Suite 350
  Grand Rapids, MI 49503

- Council on Graduate Schools
  One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 230
  Silver Spring, MN 20910

- Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
  2200 Research Boulevard
  Rockville, MD 20850
  301-296-5700, http://www.asha.org

- Council on Education for Public Health
  1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 220
  Washington, D.C. 20005

- Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
  1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 510
  Alexandria, VA 22314

- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
  1701 Duke Street, Suite 200
  Alexandria, VA 22314

- National Association for the Education of Young Children
  1313 L Street, NW, Suite 500
  Washington, DC 20005

- National Association of School Psychologists
  4340 East West Highway, Suite 402
  Bethesda, MD 20814

- National Association of Schools of Art and Design
  11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21
  Reston, VA 20190

- National Association of Schools of Theatre
  11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21
  Reston, VA 20190
In addition, San Diego State University is accredited by the following agencies:

The Fowler College of Business and the School of Accountancy are accredited by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business—at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Several Fowler College of Business programs are registered with the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, 1425 K Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005, 202-379-2200.

The College of Engineering undergraduate programs in aerospace engineering, civil engineering, computer engineering, construction engineering, electrical engineering, environmental engineering and mechanical engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of ABET, 415 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, 410-347-7700, http://www.abet.org.

The School of Journalism and Media Studies programs in advertising, journalism, and public relations are accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, Stauffer-Flint Hall, 1435 Jayhawk Boulevard, Lawrence, KS 66045, 785-864-3973, http://www.acejmc.org.

The School of Nursing is approved by the California State Board of Nursing, State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, 400 R Street, Suite 4030, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916-322-3350. The baccalaureate and master’s degrees in the School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791, http://www.aacn.org/CCNE.

Concentrations in Environmental Health and Occupational Health in the School of Public Health are accredited by the American Board for Engineering and Technology, 111 Market Place, Suite 1050, Baltimore, MD 21202, 410-347-7700.

The undergraduate program in Athletic Training in the School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, 2201 Double Creek Drive, Suite 5006, Round Rock, TX 78664, 512-733-9700, http://www.caate.net.

Foods and Nutrition, the Didactic Program in Dietetics in the School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences is approved by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606, 800-877-1600, http://www.eatright.org.
Course Information

Course Abbreviations

ACCTG..........Accountancy
ARP..........Administration, Rehabilitation and Postsecondary Education
A E..........Aerospace Engineering
A S..........Aerospace Studies
AFRAS.........African Studies
AMIND.........American Indian Studies
ANTH..........Anthropology
ARAB.........Arabic
ART.........Art
ASIAN.........Asian Studies
ASTR..........Astronomy
AUD.........Audiology
BDA..........Big Data Analytics
BIOMI.......Bioinformatics and Medical Informatics
BIOL.........Biology
BQS..........Biomedical Quality Systems
B A..........Business Administration
CAL..........Arts and Letters
CHEM.........Chemistry
CCS.........Chicana and Chicano Studies
CFD..........Child and Family Development
CHIN.........Chinese
C P..........City Planning
CIV E.........Civil Engineering
CLASS.........Classics
COMM.........Communication
CINTS.......Comparative International Studies
CLT.........Comparative Literature
COMP.........Computational Science
COMPE.......Computer Engineering
CS..........Computer Science
CON E........Construction Engineering
CSP..........Counseling and School Psychology
CJ..........Criminal Justice
DANCE.......Dance
DPT..........Doctor of Physical Therapy
DLE..........Dual Language and English Learner Education
ECON.........Economics
ED..........Education
EDL.........Educational Leadership
E E..........Electrical Engineering
ENGR.........Engineering
ENGL.........English
ENV E.........Environmental Engineering
ENV S.........Environmental Science
EUROPEuropean Studies
ENS.........Exercise and Nutritional Sciences
FILIP.........Filipino
FIN..........Finance
FRENC.......French
GEN S.........General Studies
GEOG.........Geography
GEOL.........Geological Sciences
GERMN.......German
GERO.........Gerontology
HHS.........Health and Human Services
HEBRW.......Hebrew
HIST.........History
H SEC.........Homeland Security
HONOR.......Honors College
HTM.........Hospitality and Tourism Management
HUM.........Humanities
INT S.........Interdisciplinary Studies
IB.............International Business
ISCOR........International Security and Conflict Resolution
ITAL.........Italian
JAPAN........Japanese
JS.............Jewish Studies
JMS.........Journalism and Media Studies
KOR.........Korean
LATAM........Latin American Studies
LDT.........Learning Design and Technology
LGBT.........Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies
LIB S.........Liberal Studies
LING.........Linguistics
MGT.........Management
MIS.........Management Information Systems
MKTG.......Marketing
MALAS........Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences
MATH........Mathematics
M S E........Mathematics and Science Education
MTHED.......Mathematics Education
M E.........Mechanical Engineering
MIL S.......Military Science
M BIO.......Molecular Biology
MUSIC.......Music
N SCI.......Natural Science
NAV S.......Naval Science
NURS........Nursing
NUTR.........Nutrition
OCEAN.......Oceanography
PERS.........Persian
PHIL.........Philosophy
PHYS.........Physics
POL S.......Political Science
PORT.........Portuguese
PSFA.......Professional Studies and Fine Arts
PSY.........Psychology
P A.........Public Administration
P H.........Public Health
RTM.........Recreation and Tourism Management
R A.........Regulatory Affairs
REL S.......Religious Studies
RWS.......Rhetoric and Writing Studies
RUSSN.......Russian
SCI.........Science
SWORK........Social Work
SOC.........Sociology
SPAN.........Spanish
SPED.........Special Education
SLHS........Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
STAT.........Statistics
SUSTN.......Sustainability
TE.........Teacher Education
TFM.........Television, Film and New Media
THEA.......Theatre
WMNST.......Women's Studies