

# Course Information

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 Requirements for Master's Degrees and Requirements for Doctoral Degrees. 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 WebPortal at <http://www.sdsu.edu/portal>. Summer deadlines vary by session. Consult the *Class Schedule* for specific dates.

**NOT ALL INSTRUCTORS WILL DROP STUDENTS WHO MISS THE FIRST CLASS SESSION OR FOR LACK OF PREREQUISITES.** Students are responsible for all courses on their schedules. Students should check their online schedules regularly and take necessary action to add or drop during the schedule adjustment period.

### Religious Observances

By the end of the second week of classes, students should notify the instructors of affected courses of planned absences for religious observances. Instructors shall reasonably accommodate students who notify them in advance of planned absences for religious observances.

## Credit Hour or Unit

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 is an institutionally established equivalency 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.

## Course Information

### 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.wascenior.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  
410-347-7700, <http://www.abet.org>

**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  
240-485-1800, <http://www.midwife.org>

**American Psychological Association (Clinical Psychology)**

750 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20002  
202-336-5500, <http://www.apa.org>

**California Commission on Teacher Credentialing**

1900 Capitol Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
888-921-2682, <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

**Commission on Accreditation Athletic Training Education**

6850 Austin Center Boulevard, Suite 100  
Austin, TX 78731  
512-733-9700, <http://www.caate.net>

**Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education**

6110 Executive Boulevard, Suite 614  
Rockville, MD 20852  
301-298-1820, <http://www.cahme.org>

**Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education**

112 South Alfred Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-838-9808, <http://www.aamft.org/IMIS15/AAMFT>

**Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education**

1111 North Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-684-2782, <http://www.capteonline.org>

**Council for Interior Design Accreditation**

206 Grandville Avenue, Suite 350  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
616-458-0400, <http://www.accredit-id.org>

**Council of Graduate Schools**

One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 230  
Silver Spring, MN 20910  
202-789-1050, <http://www.cgsnet.org>

**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  
202-789-1050, <http://www.ceph.org>

**Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)**

1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 510  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-535-5990, <http://www.cacrep.org>

**Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)**

1701 Duke Street, Suite 200  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-683-8080, <http://www.cswe.org>

**National Association for the Education of Young Children**

1313 L Street, NW, Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20005  
202-232-8777, <http://www.naeyc.org>

**National Association of School Psychologists**

4340 East West Highway, Suite 402  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-657-0270, <http://www.nasponline.org>

**National Association of Schools of Art and Design**

11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21  
Reston, VA 20190  
703-437-0700, <http://nasad.arts-accredit.org>

**National Association of Schools of Theatre**

11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21  
Reston, VA 20190  
703-437-0700, <http://nast.arts-accredit.org>

**National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education**

1140 19th Street, Suite 400  
 Washington, D.C. 20036  
 202-223-0077, <http://www.ncate.org>

**National Council on Rehabilitation Education**

1099 E. Champlain Drive, Suite A, #137  
 Fresno, CA 93740  
 559-906-0787, <http://www.ncre.org>

**National Recreation and Park Association**

22377 Belmont Ridge Road  
 Ashburn, VA 20148  
 800-626-6772, <http://www.nrpa.org>

**Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration**

1029 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 1100  
 Washington, DC 20005  
 202-628-8965, <http://nasppa.org>

**Western Association of Graduate Schools**

University of Washington, The Graduate School  
 Box 351240  
 Seattle, WA 98195  
 206-543-9054, <http://www.wagsonline.org>

In addition, San Diego State University is accredited by the following agencies:

The Fowler College of Business and the Charles W. Lamden 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.aacnnursing.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 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, 800-877-1600 (ext. 5400), <http://www.eatright.org>.

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### Course Abbreviations

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