



SAN DIEGO STATE
UNIVERSITY



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INTERNATIONAL
ADMISSIONS

FALL 2021



WELCOME TO SDSU

Founded in 1897, San Diego State University is ranked No. 65 among national public universities in the United States, offering 97 undergraduate degree programs through the College of Arts & Letters, Fowler College of Business, Colleges of Education, Engineering, Health & Human Services, Professional Studies & Fine Arts, Sciences, and the Division of Undergraduate Studies, which hosts the Weber Honors College. Combining the strength of a research university with dedicated faculty who support innovation and discovery, SDSU provides you with the foundation you need to reach your highest academic potential.

RANKINGS & DISTINCTIONS

For more than 100 years, SDSU students have participated in a distinguished academic curriculum led by award-winning faculty.

- San Diego State University was selected for *Princeton Review's* 2020 list of Best 385 Colleges recognizing SDSU's quality affordable education, wide array of majors and minors, and opportunities for student involvement.
- SDSU ranks No. 8 in graduation rate performance, based on *U.S. News and World Report's* college rankings.
- San Diego State University's Engineering and Interdisciplinary Sciences (EIS) Complex is part of the university's drive to become a top 50 public research university. The complex was built around the idea of fostering collaboration, with cutting-edge labs and equipment, plentiful shared workspaces and glass walls to inspire curiosity.

FAST FACTS

- Total students: 34,031 (29,867 undergraduate and 4,344 graduate)
- International students: Over 3,000 from more than 115 different countries
- Alumni: 400,000+

LOCATION

Located in Southern California, San Diego is the second largest city in California and an industry leader in biotechnology, engineering, life sciences, cybersecurity, innovation and technology, healthcare, and travel and tourism. With its proximity to the eastern edge of the Pacific Rim, Mexico, and South America, San Diego is a cultural center that provides opportunities for valuable learning experiences.

Known for its perfect climate year round and miles of sandy beaches, San Diego boasts an average daily temperature of 21° C/70° F. Visit sandiego.org to learn more about San Diego.



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

SDSU is committed to creating opportunities that contribute to the intellectual development of its students by offering an international education that prepares them to succeed globally.

Visit sdsu.edu/majors for information about majors, areas of emphasis and minors. View the academic plan for your major at sdsu.edu/mymap.

SDSU offers the following degree programs:

Accounting

Aerospace Engineering

Africana Studies

American Indian Studies

Anthropology

Art**

- Applied Design*
- Art History*
- Graphic Design*
- Interior Architecture*
- Multimedia and Photography*
- Painting and Printmaking*
- Sculpture*
- Studio Arts*

Asian Studies

- Chinese Studies and Language*

Astronomy

Bioengineering

Biology**

- Cellular and Molecular Biology*
- Ecology*
- Evolutionary Biology*
- Marine Biology*
- Zoology*

Business Administration

Chemical Physics

Chemistry**

- ACS Certificate (optional)
- Biochemistry*
- Chemistry Integrated Teacher Education**^

Chicana and Chicano Studies

Child Development^

Civil Engineering

Classics

Communication

Comparative International Studies

Comparative Literature

Computer Engineering

Computer Science

Construction Engineering

Criminal Justice

Dance

Economics

- International Economics*
- Public Policy*
- Quantitative Analysis*

Electrical Engineering

English**

Entrepreneurship

Environmental Engineering

Environmental Sciences

European Studies

Finance

Financial Services

Foods and Nutrition

French

General Business

Geography

- Environment, Sustainability, and Policy*
- General Geography*
- Geographic Information Science and Technology*
- Human Geography and Global Studies*
- Water, Climate, and Ecosystems*

Geological Sciences

German

Gerontology

Health Communication

History

Hospitality and Tourism Management

- Hotel Operations and Management*
- Meetings and Events Operations and Management*
- Restaurant Operations and Management*
- Tribal Gaming Operations and Management*

Humanities

- European Humanities*

Human Resource Management

Information Systems

Interdisciplinary Studies

International Business

International Security and Conflict Resolution

- Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution*
- Environment and Security*
- Justice in the Global System*

Islamic and Arabic Studies

Japanese

Journalism

- Advertising*
- Media Studies*
- Public Relations*

Kinesiology

- Exercise Science Generalist*
- Fitness Specialist*
- Prephysical Therapy*

Language, Culture, and Society

Latin American Studies

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Plus (LGBTQ+) Studies

Liberal Studies

- Education—Generalist**^
- Elementary Education**^
- Mathematics**^
- Multiple Subject Teaching Credential Integrated Teacher Education**^
- Science**^

Linguistics

Management

Marketing

Mathematics**

- Applied Mathematics*
- Computational Science*
- Mathematics Integrated Teacher Education**^
- Science*

Mechanical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering—Bioengineering

Microbiology

- Clinical Laboratory Science*

Modern Jewish Studies

Music

Nursing^

Philosophy

Physical Science**

Physics

Political Science

Psychology

Public Administration

- City Planning*

Public Health

Real Estate

Recreation

Administration

Religious Studies

Rhetoric and

Writing Studies

Russian**

Russian and Central European Studies

Social Science**

Social Work

- Community Corrections Case Management*
- Environmental Social Work*

Sociology

Spanish**

Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences^

Statistics

- Actuarial Science*
- Data Science*

Sustainability

Television, Film and New Media

- Critical Studies*
- Production*

Theatre Arts

- Design and Technology*
- Design for Television and Film*
- Performance*
- Youth Theatre*

Urban Studies

Vocational Education

Women's Studies

**This is an emphasis or specialization offered within the major*

***This major also offers preparation for the single subject teaching credential*

^Admission into programs leading to licensure and credentialing does not guarantee that students will obtain a license or credential. Visit sdsu.edu/majors for more information.

INTERNATIONAL FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

SDSU accepts international freshman applications between October 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021 for fall 2021 admission. SDSU does not offer spring admission. For detailed information, visit sdsu.edu/intladmissions.

You can apply to SDSU as a freshman if you have:

- not yet graduated high school, but are on track to graduate with a high school diploma by spring 2021; or
- graduated high school, but have not taken college/university courses after graduation.

STEPS TO APPLY:

Step 1: Complete the Cal State Apply Application

Complete the online application at calstate.edu/apply and pay the \$70 USD nonrefundable application fee.

Step 2: Create an SDSU WebPortal Account

After submitting the application, you will receive an email from SDSU prompting you to create an SDSU WebPortal account to monitor the status of your application.

Step 3: Submit High School Transcripts

Unofficial transcripts must be submitted from all high schools attended for initial evaluation. Transcripts must be uploaded through the SDSU WebPortal in the original language, with certified English translations, if necessary.

Step 4: Proof of English Proficiency

English proficiency is critical to your success. If your native language is not English, SDSU requires that you complete one of the following requirements:

- TOEFL score of 80 iBT/550 PBT or higher. Test scores are sent electronically from Educational Testing Service (ETS) to SDSU using institution code 4682;
- IELTS overall score of 6.5 or higher
- PTE score of 58 or higher; or
- Duolingo English Test score of 105 or higher; or
- SDSU's American Language Institute's Level 106 English language course with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.



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INTERNATIONAL COST OF ATTENDANCE

International students admitted to SDSU must submit financial documentation as evidence of funding for a minimum of one academic year (nine months). An SDSU I-20 will be issued after the SDSU Financial Statement Form and supporting financial documents are approved by the SDSU Office of International Admissions. Visit sdsu.edu/internationalfees for more information.

Basic Tuition & Fees	\$7,720
Non-Resident Tuition*	\$11,880
On-Campus Housing & Food**	\$18,531
Health Insurance	\$1,703
Books, Supplies, Transportation**	\$2,200
TOTAL***	\$42,034 USD

** Nonresident tuition is based on 15 units each semester at \$396 per unit.

*** All first year students who graduate from high school outside of SDSU's local admission area live on campus for two years. Be sure to review the on-campus food and housing payment schedule at housing.sdsu.edu.

Cost of Attendance Note: The CSU makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Fees listed in published schedules or student accounts may need to be increased when public funding is inadequate. Therefore, CSU must reserve the right, even after fees are initially charged or initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees. All listed fees, other than mandatory systemwide fees, are subject to change without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun. All CSU listed fees should be regarded as estimates that are subject to change upon approval by the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, or the Presidents, as appropriate. Changes in mandatory systemwide fees will be made in accordance with the requirements of the Working Families Student Fee Transparency and Accountability Act (Sections 66028-66028.6 of the Education Code).



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HOUSING

Transitioning to life as a university student is easier by living on campus at SDSU. The residential communities provide a strong support network within your living environment and the opportunity to establish close-knit friendships. All international first-year freshmen from outside SDSU's local admission area are required to live on campus during their first two years of study. Costs vary depending on the type of accommodation and meal plan selected. Visit housing.sdsu.edu to learn what it's like to live on campus.



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WHY SDSU?

Ning Li
Accounting Major
From Zhengzhou,
Henan, China

"I felt very welcomed when I arrived to California and the SDSU campus. The faculty and staff are really supportive and provided me with an opportunity to work on-campus. This experience is helping me grow both personally and professionally."

Anas Alhaddad
Environmental
Engineering Major
From Al Zahra, Kuwait

"SDSU has a diverse community of faculty and students, which have provided me with valuable learning experiences. These experiences are preparing me for success after graduation."

Julia Abegg Machado
Management Major
From Porto Alegre,
Brazil

"I chose SDSU because of the beautiful campus in a great city with perfect weather! By being a member of the SDSU professional business fraternity, I've built a network with students from all over the world."

TRANSPORTATION

The SDSU Transit Center connects the campus to bus and trolley routes that serve the greater San Diego area, including the airport, train stations, beaches, shopping malls, downtown San Diego, and local attractions.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTER

The International Student Center (ISC) offers an array of cultural, educational, and social activities throughout the year to enrich your experience at SDSU. The ISC services include the New International Student Orientation, a tutor-mentor program, immigration advising, weekly international events, and the SDSU International Student Association. For more information, visit isc.sdsu.edu.



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AMERICAN LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

The English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program at SDSU's American Language Institute (ALI) is designed for students of all levels of English proficiency planning to study at an American college or university at the undergraduate level. The EAP course prepares students for the TOEFL and IELTS tests.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

Students who meet SDSU's admission requirements but have not demonstrated English language proficiency may be offered admission to the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program at SDSU's American Language Institute (ALI). All students who complete the Level 106 course with a 3.0 grade point average will be given a TOEFL/IELTS waiver to SDSU. For more information, visit sdsu.edu/ali.

STUDENT LIFE

Studying at San Diego State University means more than going to class. There are numerous ways to get involved in campus activities, while taking advantage of the Southern California lifestyle. Here are some fun ways to get involved on campus and explore "America's Finest City":

- **Aztec Nights:** Celebrate the start of each semester with a week of events, such as concerts, movies, and carnival rides.
- **On-Campus Concerts:** Make time to see your favorite band at Viejas Arena or the Cal Coast Credit Union Open Air Theatre on campus.
- **San Diego Zoo:** The world-famous San Diego Zoo is home to over 3,700 rare and endangered animals representing more than 650 species.
- **Mission Bay Aquatic Center:** Learn to surf, sail, and kayak at one of the world's largest instructional waterfront facilities located on one of San Diego's famous beaches.
- **Balboa Park:** Explore San Diego's 1,200-acre urban park with museums, arts and cultural attractions.

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Getting involved in the International Student Association (ISA) is a great way to enrich your experience at SDSU and make new friends.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

With more than 350 student organizations at SDSU, it will be easy to find something that suits your interests.

ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

SDSU students are admitted FREE to all regular season home Aztec athletic events, while supplies last. Share in the excitement of watching your fellow Aztecs play on one of our nationally ranked teams. And at SDSU, every student has the opportunity to train like an athlete in the Aztec Recreation Center (ARC). The ARC is an 80,000-square-foot fitness facility that offers exercise classes, intramural sports, and a rock climbing wall.



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Meet with an Admissions Counselor





Visit admissions.sdsu.edu/contact/international for more information.



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Sign up at sdsu.edu/stayconnected to receive important information about the admission process and student life at San Diego State University.

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