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# International Admissions Handbook

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**SDSU** | San Diego State  
University



## Welcome to SDSU

Founded in 1897, San Diego State University is ranked among the top 70 public universities in the United States, offering 97 undergraduate degree programs. 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.

### TRANSFORM YOUR TOMORROW

SDSU is devoted to developing a diverse community of leaders, athletes, artists, explorers and environmentalists who will stay curious, challenge the status quo, and passionately move the world forward. Bring your curiosity to a university that defies expectations.

#### ➤ Best 387 Colleges

by *Princeton Review's* 2022 edition recognizing SDSU's academic excellence, affordability and career prospects, among other factors.

#### ➤ Top 45

nationwide for ethnic diversity by *U.S. News and World Report*.

#### ➤ 34,842

total students (30,103 undergraduate and 4,739 graduate)

#### ➤ No. 8

in the nation for undergraduate international business by *U.S. News and World Report*.

#### ➤ No. 41

among U.S. public colleges for best return on investment by *The Princeton Review*.

#### ➤ Nearly 500,000

proud alumni, providing a strong network of mentors, internships, and employment opportunities for our students.

## Location

Welcome home to California's second-largest city. San Diego is an industry leader in biotechnology, engineering, life sciences, cybersecurity, innovation and technology, healthcare, and travel and tourism. The San Diego region is home to dozens of international, coastal, mountain area, downtown and urban communities, all available for your exploration.

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 [sdsu.edu/location](https://sdsu.edu/location) to learn more about San Diego.



### HOW CLOSE?

- 10 miles ..... Beaches
- 10 miles ..... Downtown
- 50 miles ..... Mountains
- 75 miles ..... Deserts
- 95 miles ..... Disneyland
- 120 miles ..... Los Angeles
- 350 miles ..... Phoenix
- 500 miles ..... San Francisco



# 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](https://sdsu.edu/majors) for information about majors, areas of emphasis and minors. View the academic plan for your major at [sdsu.edu/mymap](https://sdsu.edu/mymap).

## SDSU OFFERS THE FOLLOWING DEGREE PROGRAMS:

### Africana Studies

### American Indian Studies

### Anthropology

### Art\*\*

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

### Asian Studies

- Chinese Language\*
- Chinese Studies\*

### Astronomy

### Biology\*\*

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

### Business

- Accounting
- Finance
- Financial Services
- General Business
- Information Systems
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Real Estate

### Chemical Physics

### Chemistry\*\*

- Biochemistry\*
- Chemistry Integrated Teacher Education\*^

### Chicana and Chicano Studies

### Child Development^

### Classics

### Communication

### Comparative International Studies

### Comparative Literature

### Computer Science

### Construction Management

### Criminal Justice

### Dance

### Economics

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

### English\*\*

### Engineering

- Aerospace Engineering
- Bioengineering\*
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Construction Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

### Environmental Sciences

### European Studies

### Foods and Nutrition

### French

### 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\*

### Interdisciplinary Studies

### 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

- Fitness Specialist\*
- Prephysical Therapy\*

### Language, Culture, and Society

### Latin American Studies

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

### Liberal Studies

- Bilingual Multiple Subject Credential Integrated Teacher Education Program\*^
- Elementary Education\*^
- Mathematics\*^
- Multiple Subject Teaching Credential Integrated Teacher Education\*^
- Science\*^

### Linguistics

### Mathematics\*\*

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

### Microbiology

- Clinical Laboratory Science\*

### Modern Jewish Studies

### Music

### Nursing^

### Philosophy

### Physical Science\*\*

### Physics

### Political Science

### Psychology

- Industrial and Organizational Psychology\*
- Neuroscience\*

### Public Administration

- City Planning\*

### Public Health

### Recreation Administration

- Outdoor Resource Management\*
- Recreation Systems Management\*
- Sustainable Tourism Management\*

### Religious Studies

### Rhetoric and Writing Studies

### Russian\*\*

### Russian and Central European Studies

### Social Science\*\*

### 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

- Urban Cultures and Societies\*
- Urban Planning, Design and Management\*
- Urban Political Economy and Public Policy\*
- Urban Sustainability

### 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](https://sdsu.edu/majors) for more information.*



# First-Year Admissions

This is the time to discover your dreams and make them a reality with the support of the SDSU community. SDSU accepts international first-year applications between October 1, 2022 and April 1, 2023 for fall 2023 admission. SDSU does not offer spring admission.

## Application Deadlines

- **Early Consideration Deadline—November 30, 2022**  
Students who submit completed documents by this deadline will be notified of a decision by the end of January.
- **Regular Deadline—April 1, 2023**  
Students who submit completed documents by this deadline will be notified on a rolling basis.

## You can apply to SDSU as a first-year if you have:

- not yet graduated high school, but are on track to graduate with a high school diploma by spring 2022; 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](https://calstate.edu/apply) and pay the \$70 USD nonrefundable application fee.

### Step 2: Check Your Admission Status

After submitting the application, you will receive an acknowledgement email from San Diego State University that includes your RedID number, which is your SDSU student identification number, and instructions on how to log in to my.SDSU.

### Step 3: Submit Unofficial High School Transcripts

Unofficial transcripts must be submitted from all high schools attended for initial evaluation and need to include 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; or
- IELTS overall score of 6.5 or higher; or
- 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.



## 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](https://sdsu.edu/internationalfees) for the most current information.

Basic Tuition & Fees .....	\$8,174
Non-Resident Tuition* .....	\$11,880
On-Campus Housing & Food** .....	\$19,714
Health Insurance .....	\$1,282
Books, Supplies .....	\$1,146
Transportation.....	\$1,170
Miscellaneous, Personal .....	\$1,906
<b>TOTAL***.....</b>	<b>\$45,272 USD</b>

\*\* 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](https://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).*



# Housing

Transitioning to life as a university student is easier when 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 students 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](https://housing.sdsu.edu) to learn what it's like to live on campus.

## Why SDSU?

Students and student success are at the core of all we do. You will be encouraged to take advantage of life-changing educational experiences, such as undergraduate research labs and laboratory spaces on and off campus, entrepreneurship opportunities, internships, and professional mentoring. Our graduates are innovators, knowledge creators, and global citizens who are well prepared for the real world.

### ➤ 15,645

students have connected with alumni and professionals who provide career guidance through the Aztec Mentor Program.

### ➤ \$164.5 million

in grant funding for 2021-22, which marks a record-breaking year for university research into critical issues like:

- Combatting COVID-19 transmission in schools
- Developing better pharmaceuticals
- Protecting water resources
- Improving conservation practices
- Enhancing business education

### ➤ No. 14

in the nation among public universities for entrepreneurship according to *U.S. News and World Report*.



## 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 a full range of programs and services to foster student success, global perspectives, intercultural awareness, and international cooperation. 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 [sdsu.edu/internationalstudents](https://sdsu.edu/internationalstudents).



# University Pathways

Our University Pathway Program, through SDSU Global Campus, helps you acquire the tools needed to succeed in a degree program at San Diego State University or elsewhere.

## UNDERGRADUATE PATHWAY PROGRAM

SDSU's Undergraduate Pathway Program (UPP) guarantees students admission into an SDSU degree program upon successful completion of UPP studies. While in the UPP program, you will begin earning credits towards your SDSU degree, prior to matriculation. The UPP program combines SDSU credit-bearing courses with English as a Second Language instruction, one-on-one academic advising, and immersive academic and cultural experiences. Our dedicated SDSU UPP team will help students smoothly transition into life as a student in the United States and at SDSU.

If you would like to focus on improving your academic English before enrolling in any SDSU credit courses, we invite you to apply to our English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program. Eligible international students can receive conditional admission to SDSU, and earn a TOEFL/IELTS waiver, without taking any SDSU credit-bearing courses.

Please visit [sdsu.edu/upp](https://sdsu.edu/upp) for more information.

# Student Life

At SDSU you are supported by a community who will help you explore new interests, find your passion, and prepare for personal and professional success. There are numerous ways to get involved in campus activities, while taking advantage of the Southern California lifestyle, including:

- **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.
- **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.

## 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 300 student organizations at SDSU, it is easy to find something that suits your interests.

## ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

SDSU students are admitted FREE to all regular season home Aztec athletic events with a valid SDSU RedID card, 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 a 94,000-square-foot fitness facility that offers exercise classes, intramural sports, and a rock climbing wall.





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### CONNECT VIRTUALLY

Join us during virtual office hours and events.

#### Meet with an Admissions Counselor

[admissions.sdsu.edu/contact/international](https://admissions.sdsu.edu/contact/international)

#### Virtual Visits

[sdsu.edu/virtualvisits](https://sdsu.edu/virtualvisits)

#### Virtual Tour

[sdsu.edu/virtualltour](https://sdsu.edu/virtualltour)

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