

## Fall 2026 – Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

The SDSU Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) provides an opportunity for guaranteed admission to the University for undergraduate students transferring from SDSU local admission area community colleges. Admission to SDSU will be guaranteed for students who:

- Complete 100% of their transferable credits from community colleges in SDSU's local admission area—Cuyamaca, Grossmont, Imperial Valley, San Diego City, San Diego Mesa, San Diego Miramar, and Southwestern— by the end of spring 2026 prior to fall 2026 admission. Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) credits will be accepted. In addition, credits earned through SDSU Regular Session, Special Session, Open University, or Cross Enrollment will also be accepted.
- Apply for admission to SDSU via [calstate.edu/apply](https://calstate.edu/apply) during the published fall 2026 filing period: October 1–December 1, 2025.
- Complete the requirements listed below by the deadlines indicated.

Students who at the time of application have completed 100% of their transferable courses from Palomar or MiraCosta colleges and apply for programs that are not offered at CSU San Marcos will also have admission priority, as long as they have completed the above requirements. A list of these programs can be found online at [sdsu.edu/csusanmarcos](https://sdsu.edu/csusanmarcos).

Requirements		Timeline for Admission
<b>"Golden Four"</b>	Complete General Education requirements in oral communication, English composition, critical thinking, and mathematical concepts/quantitative reasoning with "C-" or higher grades.  Note: To fulfill the Golden Four requirements, each respective course must be at least 3 semester units or 4 quarter units.	Must be completed by the end of the spring term (not summer) prior to fall admission.  Since these are foundational courses, early completion is recommended.
<b>Grade Point Average (GPA)</b>	Meet the grade point average (GPA) requirement for the major listed in the SDSU University Catalog.  Any SDSU GPA (e.g., courses taken via Cross Enrollment) must be at least 2.00 in addition to the GPA listed above. Information can be found at <a href="https://sdsu.edu/majorgpa">sdsu.edu/majorgpa</a> .	Must meet the required major GPA at the time of application for admission to SDSU. This GPA must be maintained throughout the admission process.
<b>Units</b>	Complete a minimum of 60 <u>transferable</u> semester units.	Must be completed by the end of the spring term (not summer) prior to fall admission.
<b>General Education Courses</b>	Complete the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) requiring a minimum of 34 semester units (or CSU GE or IGETC) to any applicable lower division GE pattern listed in the SDSU University Catalog.	Must be completed by the end of the spring term (not summer) prior to fall admission.
<b>Major Preparation Courses</b>	Complete all major preparation course requirements listed in the SDSU University Catalog at <a href="https://sdsu.edu/majorprep">sdsu.edu/majorprep</a> .	Must be completed by the end of the spring term (not summer) prior to fall admission.

The Transfer Admission Guarantee assures admission to the University. Students must follow the rules of admission of their intended major department to be admitted into the major. The TAG does not apply to applicants majoring in Dance, Music, Musical Theatre, Nursing, Social Work, or Theatre Arts: Performance. **Also, there is no guaranteed admission for any major for which there is an SDSU-approved Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T).** Students must plan to take any required course not offered by their institution at another local community college or at SDSU through CSU Cross Enrollment or Open University. Attendance at local community colleges will be verified by the National Student Clearinghouse. Therefore, students who misrepresent institution attendance will have their admission revoked.

Students who are not eligible for the Transfer Admission Guarantee will be ranked based on the extent to which they have completed the requirements listed above. SDSU will admit via this ranking until all available enrollment slots have been filled.