



# SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

# MAJORS

At SDSU, our mission is to provide research-oriented, high-quality education for our 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students. We are committed to creating educational opportunities that not only contribute to intellectual development, but also equip you to succeed in an increasingly technological and global society. What program will you choose? Browse through the list of undergraduate majors below, and go to [www.sdsu.edu/majors](http://www.sdsu.edu/majors) for details about majors, minors, and graduate programs.

- Accounting
- Aerospace Engineering
- Africana Studies
- American Indian Studies
- Anthropology
- Art
- Asian Studies
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemical Physics
- Chemistry
- 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
- Electrical Engineering
- English
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- European Studies
- Finance
- Financial Services
- Foods and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- Geological Sciences
- German
- Gerontology
- Health Communication
- Health Science
- History
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Humanities
- Information Systems
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- International Business
- International Security and Conflict Resolution
- Japanese
- Journalism
- Kinesiology
- Latin American Studies
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies
- Liberal Studies (Elementary and Middle School Teaching)
- Linguistics
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Microbiology
- Modern Jewish Studies
- Music
- Nursing
- Philosophy
- Physical Science
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Real Estate
- Recreation Administration
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Russian and Central European Studies
- Social Science
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
- Statistics
- Sustainability
- Television, Film, and New Media
- Theatre Arts
- Urban Studies
- Women's Studies

# ACADEMICS

## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

What kind of world do you want? What kind of difference will you make? Open-mindedness and a willingness to ask questions are at the core of the University Honors Program.

As one of SDSU's most academically engaged undergraduate students, you will benefit from small, discussion-based classes and innovative teaching techniques that promote inquiry and discovery. Study abroad opportunities and residential learning experiences in the Honors housing community enable you to reach beyond the boundaries of your academic major.

To learn more about applying for the Honors Program, visit [www.sdsu.edu/honors](http://www.sdsu.edu/honors).

## STUDY ABROAD

Join more than 1,600 students each year who experience the excitement and rewards of studying in another country. SDSU offers more than 300 education abroad programs in 52 different countries. These programs offer you the opportunity to learn a new language, experience a different culture, build your resume, and increase earning potential.

Visit [www.sdsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.sdsu.edu/studyabroad) to find the right program for you.

## PREPROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Are you interested in attending a professional school after graduation? SDSU's preprofessional programs are not majors, but help prepare you to continue your studies in the following career fields:

- Allied Health
- Predental
- Prechiropractic
- Preeducation
- Prelaw
- Premedical
- Prenursing
- Preoccupational Therapy
- Preoptometry
- Prepharmacy
- Prephysical Therapy
- Prephysician Assistant
- Prepodiatry
- Prepublic Health
- Presocial Work
- Preveterinary Medicine



# ADMISSIONS

## FRESHMAN ADMISSION CRITERIA

You can apply as a freshman as long as you haven't graduated high school yet, or haven't taken any college-level classes since the summer beyond your high school graduation.

Note that you are required to live on campus for your first year if you graduate from a high school outside SDSU's local admission area.

Your application is evaluated based on three criteria:

1. Your Eligibility Index (a calculation of your GPA and test scores)
2. Completion of the A–G college prep curriculum
3. Your intended major

## ELIGIBILITY INDEX

The eligibility index is based on your GPA and your scores on either the SAT reasoning (critical reading and math) or the ACT. Neither writing scores nor subject tests are considered.

### Calculating your GPA

For this application, your high school grade point average is calculated on all A–G courses completed after grade 9. This means it may be different than the GPA on your high school transcript. Use the GPA calculator at [www.sdsu.edu/admissions/freshmen](http://www.sdsu.edu/admissions/freshmen) to find your GPA before you calculate your eligibility index.

### Calculating your Eligibility Index

Use the eligibility index calculator at [www.sdsu.edu/admissions/freshmen](http://www.sdsu.edu/admissions/freshmen), or use the formulas below to do the math yourself.

#### Using the SAT

(High School GPA x 800)

+ SAT Reasoning Score

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Eligibility Index

#### ACT Formula

(High School GPA x 200)

+ (ACT Composite Score x 10)

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Eligibility Index

SDSU attracts highly qualified students each year. The average high school GPA for fall 2012 admitted freshmen was 3.79 with an average SAT reasoning (critical reading and math) score of 1146.

## A–G COURSES

As a first-time freshman applicant, you must earn a C or higher in the following 15-unit A–G pattern of college preparatory courses:

### A. Social Science

2 years, including 1 year U.S. history and government.

### B. English

4 years. Literature or composition courses are also acceptable.

### C. Mathematics

3 years (4 recommended). Algebra I, geometry, and algebra II.

### D. Laboratory Science

2 years. Biology and physical science.

### E. Foreign Language

2 years of the same language, or demonstrated equivalent competence.

### F. Visual and Performing Arts

1 year in visual art, dance, drama/theatre, or music.

### G. Electives

1 year. Select from English, advanced mathematics, social studies, history, laboratory science, agriculture, or foreign language.



## INTENDED MAJOR

All of our majors have more applicants than available slots (this is called “impaction”), so during admission we rank applicants within each major rather than overall.

## HOW TO APPLY

Our application filing period is October 1 to November 30 for admission the following fall. (We do not accept undergraduate applications for spring.) Submit the online application at [www.CSUMentor.edu](http://www.CSUMentor.edu) and designate San Diego State University as your CSU campus of choice.

Transfer applicants must also submit a supplemental application in the SDSU WebPortal between December and January.

Admission is based on self-reported information. We will verify this information against your official transcripts once you're admitted.

## TRANSFER ADMISSION CRITERIA

SDSU accepts transfer applications only from upper-division students who have completed 60 or more transferable semester units.

### Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)\*

If you complete 100% of the following requirements at a community college in SDSU's local admission area\*\*, you may qualify for guaranteed admission:

1. Complete a minimum of 60 transferable units.
2. Complete a certified package of general education courses.
3. Complete all major preparation courses.
4. Meet the GPA required for your major at [www.sdsu.edu/majorgpa](http://www.sdsu.edu/majorgpa), or a 2.4.
5. Maintain a 2.0 GPA for any SDSU Regular Session, Special Session, Open University or Cross Enrollment coursework.

\* The TAG does not apply to Nursing, Music, Dance, or Television, Film and New Media majors. Also, there is no guaranteed admission for any major for which there is an approved AA/AS-T degree.

\*\* Cuyamaca, Grossmont, Imperial Valley, San Diego City, San Diego Mesa, San Diego Miramar, and Southwestern.

### SB1440 Admission Priority

Priority is given to students who complete a California Senate Bill 1440 Associate of Arts or Associate of Science for transfer (AA/AS-T) degree. See [www.sb1440.org](http://www.sb1440.org) for details.

### All Other Applicants

All other transfer applicants will be ranked by the five criteria above, and admitted on a space-available basis. An additional GPA may be required above a 2.4 based on that year's applicant pool.

### Online Resources

- SDSU Admissions—[www.sdsu.edu/admissions/transfers](http://www.sdsu.edu/admissions/transfers)
- Transfer Admission Planner—[www.sdsu.edu/tap](http://www.sdsu.edu/tap)
- ASSIST—[www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)
- Major Academic Plan—[www.sdsu.edu/mymap](http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap)

# COST OF ATTENDANCE

We want you to understand what your costs will be so that you can make informed choices as you prepare for the next step in your education. With advanced planning and a little bit of creativity, you can make this investment affordable for your family. Read on to learn what you can do to prepare for paying your cost of attendance at SDSU.

For the most up-to-date figures, or for information on graduate tuition and fees, refer to [www.sdsu.edu/admissions/fees](http://www.sdsu.edu/admissions/fees).

## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU) NET PRICE & COST CALCULATOR

Estimate your eligibility for undergraduate federal grants and loans and the approximate net price you and your family should expect to pay using your own funds. Go to the CSU Net Price and Cost Calculator website at [www.csumentor.edu/finaid/PAIS](http://www.csumentor.edu/finaid/PAIS).

## UNDERGRADUATE ESTIMATED COSTS (2012-13)

	California Residents	Nonresidents (out-of-state and international)
Basic Tuition and Fees	\$7,076	\$7,076
Nonresident Tuition*	0	\$11,160
On-Campus Food and Housing**	\$11,001	\$11,001
Total***	\$18,077	\$29,237

\* Nonresident tuition is based on 15 units each semester at \$372 per unit.

\*\* Freshmen from outside SDSU's local admission area are required to live on campus for their first year. Be sure to review the on-campus food and housing payment schedule at [www.sdsu.edu/housing](http://www.sdsu.edu/housing). This estimate is based on a standard room and the Flex 7 meal plan. Your total cost and payments will vary depending on the meal plan and room type you request.

\*\*\* Plan for additional expenses that will increase your cost of attendance. For undergraduates, we estimate the average annual cost of books and supplies to be \$1,717, transportation to be \$1,383, and personal expenses to be \$2,786. If these amounts match your personal situation, then you would add them to the overall cost of attendance listed above.

Cost of Attendance Note: The CSU makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Tuition and 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 initial tuition and fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees, 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.

# PAYING FOR YOUR EDUCATION

## FINANCIAL AID

Any time after January 1, you can apply for financial aid—don't wait until you are admitted to the university! The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is all you need to be considered for federal grants, student and parent loans, and work study. Apply online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) using SDSU's Federal School Code of 001151.

## TYPES OF AID

**Federal Pell Grants:** Pell Grants are free money that you do not have to repay. These grants are awarded based on financial need.

**Loans:** Federal loan programs allow you to borrow funds for your education that you will repay after graduation at a low interest rate. A freshman may borrow \$5,500 in federal loans. Parents may borrow up to the total cost after passing a credit evaluation for a Federal Parent PLUS Loan. Alternative loans, offered by private lenders, are more expensive. Borrow your limit in federal loans before seeking a private loan.

**Work Study:** The Federal Work Study program is a part-time employment program for students with financial need.

**Cal Grants:** California residents may be eligible to receive a Cal Grant, which is free money for college. Apply by submitting the FAFSA ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)) and the GPA Verification Form ([www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)) by March 2.

Get an overview of how to pay for your education at [www.sdsu.edu/admissions/fees](http://www.sdsu.edu/admissions/fees). Then learn more and access your AidLink account at [www.sdsu.edu/financialaid](http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

A scholarship is free money that is usually awarded based on your achievements and qualifications. Scholarships fall into three categories:

- **SDSU scholarships** are competitive and each requires a separate application. Most are due in early February.
- **External scholarships** may be awarded to students at any university. They are administered by organizations other than SDSU.
- **Academic departments** may offer additional scholarships, fellowships, and traineeships.

## SDSU Scholarships

You may apply for SDSU scholarships after you have applied for admission to the university. First, search for scholarships at [www.sdsu.edu/scholarshipsearch](http://www.sdsu.edu/scholarshipsearch). Then submit your scholarship application, essay, and any additional materials. Review the application and eligibility requirements in each scholarship's description for more details.

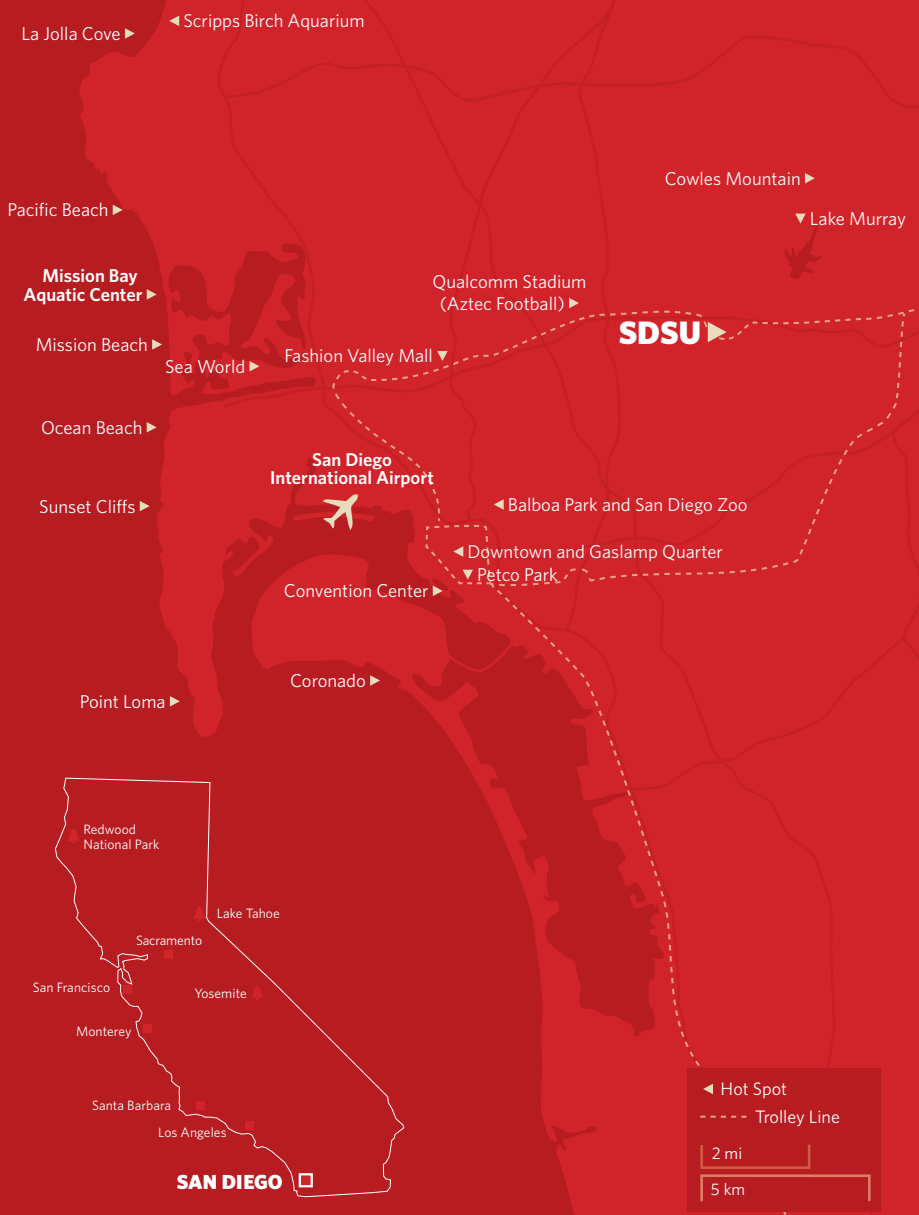
## External Scholarships

We encourage you to apply for as many scholarships as possible. Try these scholarship resources:

- Start your search by visiting [www.sdsu.edu/scholarships](http://www.sdsu.edu/scholarships) and clicking "Other Scholarships" at the top.
- Ask about scholarships from your parents' workplaces or your church or civic organization.
- Try scholarship search engines like [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) or [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com). But BEWARE of people or organizations wanting to charge you money. Scholarship and financial aid searches should ALWAYS be FREE!
- Connect with SDSU on [www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com) and search Zinch's database of close to \$2 billion in scholarships.
- Prestigious national merit scholarships are listed by SDSU's Office of Academic Scholarships at [oas.sdsu.edu/dus/scholarships](http://oas.sdsu.edu/dus/scholarships).



# SAN DIEGO



## AMERICA'S FINEST CITY

The second largest city in California, San Diego is a thriving cultural, scientific, and educational center. Our proximity to the Pacific Rim and Mexico and our diverse regional population create plenty of opportunities for work experience and learning.

Known for its near-perfect climate, miles of sandy beaches, and fun-filled waterfront activities, our region is home to a wide range of industries, from manufacturing and biotechnology to agriculture and tourism. The hustle and bustle of the Gaslamp Quarter and downtown neighborhoods is complemented by the charming and eclectic beach towns of Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach, and La Jolla.

With all the amenities for living, working and playing, it's no wonder San Diego is nicknamed "America's Finest City!" Learn more from the San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau at [www.sandiego.org](http://www.sandiego.org).

## HOW CLOSE?

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



# FAST FACTS

**30,000**

students enrolled, including about 25,000 undergrads and 5,000 grad students

**200**

academic degree choices for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs

**#9**

in the nation in freshman admission applications received, according to U.S. News & World Report

**300+**

study abroad programs in 52 countries

**2/3**

of SDSU graduates remain in San Diego after graduation, creating a powerful Aztec network

**20:1**

student-to-faculty ratio

**57%**

of freshmen in 2011 were from diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds

## WHY SDSU?

Founded in 1897, San Diego State University is a public institution of higher education located in southern California. Part of the 23-campus California State University system, SDSU is the third-largest university in the state with an enrollment of nearly 30,000 students. We offer nearly 200 different academic degree choices, and more than 300 education abroad opportunities in 52 different countries. With award-winning professors, premier research facilities, and a sunny location at the gateway to Latin America and the Pacific Rim, SDSU gives students the tools to expand their knowledge and their potential.

## OUR CAMPUS

Up on Montezuma Mesa, mission-style buildings are spread over 300 acres of lushly landscaped grounds intercut with hills and canyons. You can walk end-to-end in less than a half hour. We're northeast of downtown San Diego, just off Interstate 8 and conveniently located along the San Diego Trolley Green Line.

Get a feel for the campus at [www.sdsu.edu/campusmap](http://www.sdsu.edu/campusmap) or check us out on Google Street View (new in 2012).



# HOUSING

## ABOUT THE HALLS

SDSU's residence halls are situated on the east and west ends of campus, all within walking distance of classes. All halls are coed with same-gender rooms and bathrooms. Each hall has its own lounge, recreation room, study room, vending machines, and laundry room. Residents also have access to swimming pools, sand volleyball courts, barbecue areas, and membership to the Aztec Recreation Center.

We offer a choice of double or single (and sometimes triple) rooms. Rooms are furnished with a bed, dresser, desk, chair, bookshelf, and closet for each resident. Each room also includes a microfridge (microwave/mini fridge/freezer), basic cable service, and wireless, high-speed Internet access—all at no additional charge. You'll need to bring your own towels, bedding, desk lamp, and personal items.

Living on campus at SDSU means freedom from frustrating commutes, costly utility bills, and daily meal preparation. Residence hall rooms are furnished and provide a number of amenities to make your on-campus living experience a positive one.

Regardless of which community you choose, the SDSU residence halls provide a strong support network within your living environment and the opportunity to establish close-knit friendships. Learn more at [www.sdsu.edu/housing](http://www.sdsu.edu/housing).

## RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENT

Students who live in SDSU campus housing are proven to academically out-perform their peers who live off campus. Research shows that the average GPA is 11% higher for residential students and 13% higher for students living in learning communities.

Because of this proven success, SDSU highly encourages all students to live on campus at least two years while studying at the university. Freshmen are required to live on campus their first year if they graduate from a high school outside SDSU's local admission area, or if they participate in the University Honors Program.

## MEAL PLANS

From Aztec markets and grills to campus eateries, you'll enjoy more than 20 dining locations across campus. Get meal plan information and pricing at [www.eatatsdsu.com](http://www.eatatsdsu.com), where you can also find daily menus, special events, nutritional information, and FAQs.

## RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

If you live on campus during your freshman year, we recommend you choose a Residential Learning Community (RLC). The choice is yours—but know that being an active member in an RLC will help you do well academically and make your transition smoother.

RLCs are designed to assist you in your transition from high school. Each community is created around a theme or major with a focus on citizenship, scholarship, leadership, and diversity.

## RLC BENEFITS

The advantages to RLCs are many. Both national research and SDSU research indicate that students in learning communities:

- Have higher GPAs than students who do not live in learning communities
- Are more connected to campus and report a better college experience
- Are more likely to stay at the same college and to graduate

## RLC OPTIONS

- Army/Navy/Air Force ROTC
- Aztec Engineering
- Business Floor
- Discover San Diego
- Emerging Leaders Program
- Future Teachers
- Health and Healing Professions
- Honors Residential College
- Journalism and Media Studies
- Journey into Entrepreneurship
- Lamden Professional Accounting
- Physical Fitness and Physical Activity (P-Fit, P-Act)
- Science, Technology and Math (STM)
- Second Year Success (SYS)
- Social Activism and Global Environments (SAGE)
- Television, Film, Media, and Fine Arts
- Toltec House (Undeclared Majors)
- Upper Division Experience (UDE)
- Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE)



# STUDENT LIFE

## RECREATION

### Get in Shape

At the Aztec Recreation Center (ARC), you'll have access to a state-of-the-art fitness center featuring group exercise classes, intramural sports, a rock climbing wall, and certified personal trainers. Even better—membership is free if you live on campus.

### Go for a Swim

Take advantage of San Diego's year-round beautiful weather at the Aztec Aquaplex. The facility features a 50-meter lap pool, a heated recreational pool with beach entry, and a hydrotherapy spa. The Aquaplex is equipped with lounge chairs, lounge rafts, kickboards, pull buoys, and water basketballs and volleyballs.

### Find Adventure

Challenge your physical and mental limits with day or weekend outdoor excursions through Aztec Adventures. You can go whale watching, rock climbing in Joshua Tree, backpacking through national parks, and more.

### ATTEND CLASS OUTSIDE

Earn SDSU credit in kayaking, rowing, sailing, surfing, wakeboarding, waterskiing, and windsurfing. Instructional and recreational water sports classes are offered at the Mission Bay Aquatic Center.

## RED AND BLACK GOES GREEN

Each spring students celebrate sustainability and Aztec pride with GreenFest, a week of environmentally themed activities culminating with a festival and concert. The latest green project is the new Aztec Student Union, designed to be a LEED Platinum certified facility. It is scheduled to open fall 2013 and will serve as the new hub for campus life. [www.aztecstudentunion.com](http://www.aztecstudentunion.com)

## AZTEC NIGHTS

We kick off each semester with a few weeks of on-campus, substance-free nightlife to help you become part of the SDSU community. More than 16,000 students attended last year's Aztec Nights events, which included a Las Vegas block party, charity dance marathon, free concerts, comedy acts, bowling and more. [aztecnights.sdsu.edu](http://aztecnights.sdsu.edu)

## WEEKLY FARMERS MARKET

Every Thursday, swing by Campanile Walkway between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to enjoy fresh produce, sizzling lunch options, handmade gifts, and more.

[www.sdsufarmersmarket.com](http://www.sdsufarmersmarket.com)



# ATHLETICS

When you enroll at San Diego State, you become part of 115 years of tradition. And no tradition is stronger than Aztec school spirit! Sports are only one part of the college experience, but they have a unique way of bringing together our 30,000 students from across campus and 260,000 alumni from around the world.

So in the spirit of the game, SDSU students are admitted FREE to all Aztec athletic events with a current RedID card. See [www.goaztecs.com](http://www.goaztecs.com) for details, which differ by sport. We want you to share in the excitement of SDSU sports and our pride in being a top school for athletics in the west.

## DIVISION I TEAMS

### Men's Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Tennis

### Women's Sports

- Basketball
- Crew
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Track
- Volleyball
- Water Polo

## INTRAMURAL/CLUB

Want to participate in recreational sports on a competitive or recreational level? Join an intramural league with friends or sign up independently.

A variety of indoor and outdoor sports are offered throughout the year. Here's a sample:

- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Flag Football
- Indoor Soccer
- Innertube Water Basketball
- Innertube Water Polo
- Kickball
- Outdoor Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Whiffleball





# TIMELINE

## OCTOBER 1–NOVEMBER 30

Apply online at [www.CSUMentor.edu](http://www.CSUMentor.edu)

## NOVEMBER

Last month to take the SAT or ACT

## DECEMBER/JANUARY

Transfer applicants must submit online Supplemental Application at [www.sdsu.edu/portal](http://www.sdsu.edu/portal)

## JANUARY 1–MARCH 2

Apply for financial aid by filing the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

## EARLY FEBRUARY

Deadline to apply for SDSU scholarships at [www.sdsu.edu/scholarships](http://www.sdsu.edu/scholarships)

## MARCH

Admission decisions sent, check admission status at [www.sdsu.edu/portal](http://www.sdsu.edu/portal)

## MARCH/APRIL

Explore SDSU Open House  
[www.sdsu.edu/exploresdsu](http://www.sdsu.edu/exploresdsu)

## MAY 1

Deadline to submit Intent to Enroll deposit, official transcripts and test scores, and (if applicable) Housing License Agreement

## JUNE 30

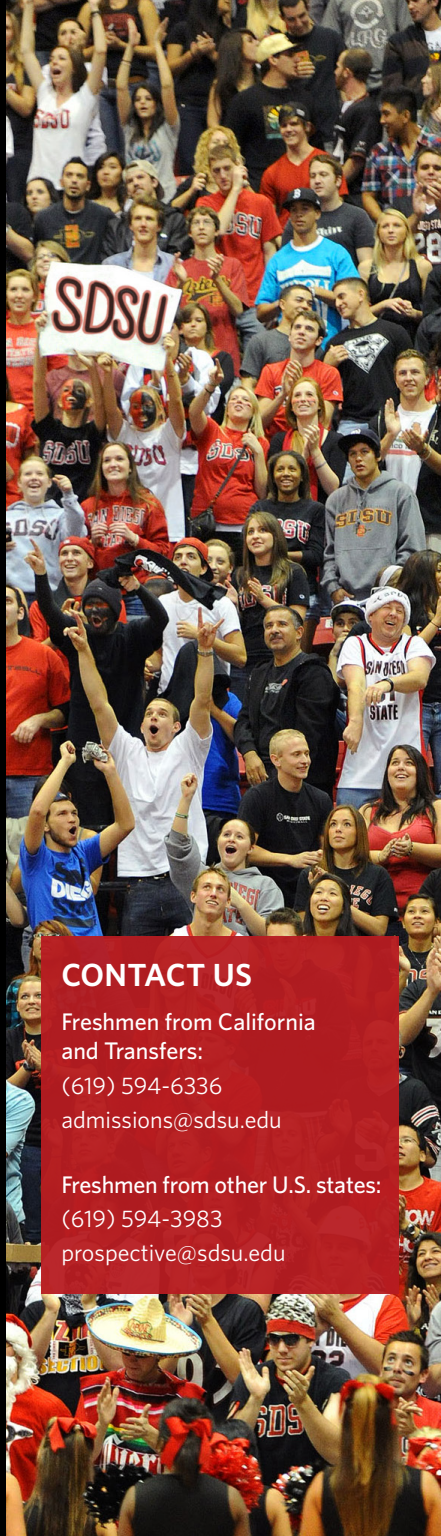
Transfer deadline to submit final college transcripts, including spring grades

## JULY 15

Freshman deadline to submit final official transcripts, including spring grades

## LATE AUGUST

Fall semester begins,  
[www.sdsu.edu/academiccalendar](http://www.sdsu.edu/academiccalendar)



## CONTACT US

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