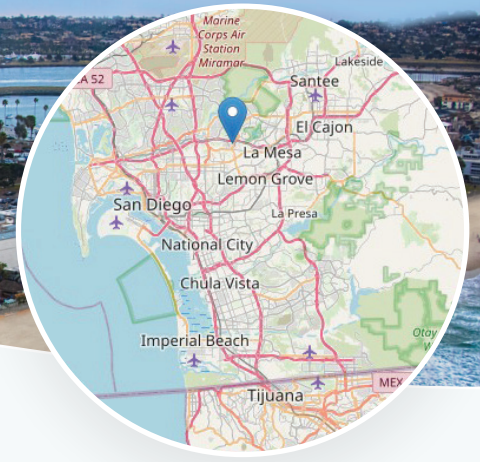




Study Abroad in California, USA

San Diego State University



About the University

Why choose San Diego State University in the USA?

San Diego State University (SDSU) is not only the oldest and largest university of the California State Universities System, but also one of the most reputable state-owned universities in the entire USA. This research university offers a wide variety of top-ranked study programs from business, communication, fine arts, engineering and many more. The beautiful, huge campus with Aztec style architecture, shops, bars and entertainment makes the student experience in the "America's Finest City" a once in a lifetime trip.

- **Study in sunny San Diego:** Beaches, perfect weather and the laid-back vibes
- **No extension courses:** Study together with American students
- **Experience U.S. campus life:** A beautiful campus with student clubs, sports and events
- **Live the Aztec lifestyle:** Academics, culture and California fun all in one
- **Wide range of courses:** Choose from 3,000+ courses across 100+ fields of study



Application requirements

How to apply for SDSU?

To apply for a study abroad semester at San Diego State University, please prepare the following documents:

- **Proof of English proficiency:** DAAD (B2 level), TOEFL 64 or TOEFL 4 (test taken after Jan. 21, 2026), IELTS 5.5 or Duolingo 95
- **Official transcript** for the current program of study as well as an English Bachelor's certificate, including all courses taken for all Master's students
- **Financial Statement** showing proof of 18,300 USD (Master's and Bachelor's students). For this, SDSU requires official confirmation from a bank in English.
- **Valid copy of passport**



Live the Californian Lifestyle

Enjoy countless stunning beaches, surf into the sunset and build friendships with people from all over the world.



SDSU

San Diego State University



Academic Calendar

Fall & Spring Semester

SDSU has a semester system:

- Fall semester: August - December
- Spring semester: January - May

SDSU is operating on rolling admission. That means that there is no clear deadline for either fall or spring. However, we recommend that students submit their **application by mid-June for Fall intake and by mid-November for Spring intake.** Please contact the World of Students team in the case of a late application.



Bachelor & Master

Study Opportunities

International students are able to study abroad at SDSU in the Semester at SDSU program during their Bachelor's or Master's degrees, and choose from a large variety of subjects to study. International students can choose from over **3,000** classes offered each semester, in **over 100 programs/majors**, including:

- Business and Management
- Engineering and Computing
- Natural, Social & Life Sciences
- Education
- Languages, Cultures & Leisure
- Arts



Scholarships & Funding

How to pay for studying abroad?

You can apply for Auslandsbafög and Scholarships.

More information can be found here:

worldofstudents.org/en/funding/

worldofstudents.org/en/scholarships/

 Our Student Ambassador
Got Questions? I'm Here to Help!



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"I had the incredible opportunity to spend a semester at San Diego State University, and it felt like living in an American movie. What amazed me most was the unbeatable California lifestyle – endless sunshine, palm trees, and gorgeous beaches. The SDSU campus is stunning, full of life and spirit, and the team atmosphere is something I'll never forget. I even took a surfing course offered by the university – nothing beats learning to surf in the Pacific after class! San Diego is hands down the most beautiful city I've ever been to, and the location is perfect for weekend trips to places like LA, Las Vegas, Mexico, or San Francisco. My time at SDSU was everything I dreamed of and more – an experience I'll carry with me forever."

 Housing Options
Accommodation in San Diego

SDSU offers a limited number of on-campus apartments; however, most international students prefer to search for their own (shared) apartment near campus or the beach. SDSU offers assistance in finding a suitable apartment or room with appropriate search resources and contacts. Tips for finding housing are provided here:

🔗 ali.sdsu.edu/campus-life/housing/campus-housing/find-housing

A list of popular off-campus housing options is provided here:

🔗 ali.sdsu.edu/campus-life/housing/off-campus-housing/

 Visa Information
F-1 student visa

To study abroad at SDSU, international students need an F-1 student visa. With this visa, students may enter the US 30 days before the semester start date and may stay for up to 30 days after the program end date. Students can request an F-1 visa only after their application is approved and after receiving their I-20 form.

More info:

🔗 worldofstudents.org/en/visa-worldwide/

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 Tuition & Credits
Discounts for World of Students participants included

Study Abroad Term BA^{*1,2}: 7,300 (24 ECTS) - 8,362 USD (30 ECTS)

Study Abroad Term MA^{*1,2}: 7,300 (18 ECTS) - 8,578 USD (24 ECTS)

Application Fee (one-time): 175 USD

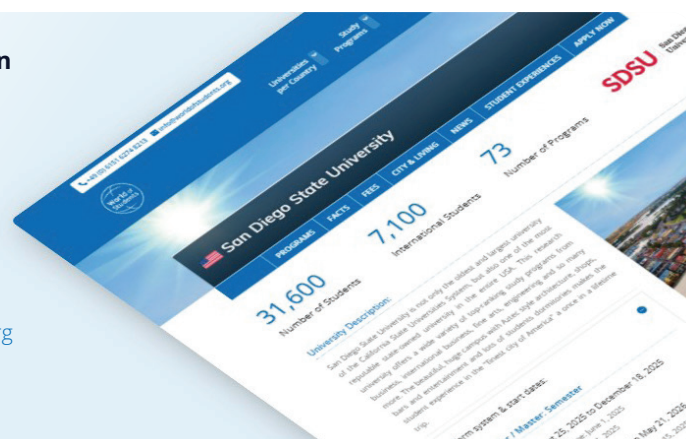
Bachelor-level students are required to take a minimum of 12 undergraduate-units (24 ECTS), and master-level students are required to take a minimum of 9 graduate-units. Students will have the option to take extra units and pay for extra tuition fees, in order to fulfill their home universities' requirements.

*1 Conversion of US credits into ECTS is a recommendation - please contact your home university for further information. *2 Fees are subject to change.

More Information on our Website:



🔗 worldofstudents.org



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