

SDSU Transfer Pathways

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Transfer Center

Workshop Learning Outcomes

- . Learn about SDSU campus and academic majors
- . Review transfer options to SDSU
- . Identify if ADT or TAG is the right pathway for you

San Diego State University

- Part of the CSU System (23 Campuses)
- Offers BA, BS, Master's, and some Doctoral Programs
- Total Undergraduate Enrollment: 30,000
- 160 Undergraduate Majors & Minors
- 16 Pre-Professional Programs
- Ranked 7th in the nation for ethnic diversity on campus
- Ranked 15th in the nation for study abroad programs
- Student orgs, Greek life, Athletics, ROTC, leadership, etc.

TRANSFER CRITERIA

Admissions Requirements	Timeline for Fall Admission
Complete a minimum of 60 semester (or 90 quarter) transferable units	End of spring semester prior to fall admissions
Complete a minimum of 30 units of General Education courses	End of spring semester prior to fall admissions
Complete with a "C-" grade or higher, the "Golden Four" courses: Oral Communication, Written Communication, Critical Thinking, Mathematics	End of spring semester prior to fall admissions
Complete all major preparation courses	End of spring semester prior to fall admissions
Meet the GPA required for your major	At the time of application and maintain through the admission process

TRANSFER ADMISSION PLANNER

Welcome to Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)

This program is provided to help you identify courses required to meet transfer admission requirements for SDSU. It contains information about transfer courses that may be used to meet General Education Requirements and Preparation for the Major. It can also be used to help you identify individual courses that are equivalent to courses offered at SDSU.

[Overview of Transfer Admission Requirements](#)

Courses taken at a regionally accredited college or university and designated as appropriate for baccalaureate credit by that institution will be accepted by San Diego State University for credit toward transfer admission. This program provides information about how those transferable courses may be used to meet specific course requirements at SDSU.

Only those that have been reviewed by SDSU appear in this program. It is not a complete list of transferable courses.

[Search for transfer courses that meet SDSU General Education requirements](#)

[Search for transfer courses to meet SDSU preparation for the major and required GPA](#)

[Select a transfer course and search for an SDSU equivalent](#)

[Select an SDSU course and search for a transfer course equivalent](#)

TRANSFER ADMISSION PLANNER

- If you encounter a “no comparable coursework” on TAP, students are encouraged to:
 - Check if other local schools have the class available
 - Review eligibility for cross enrollment
 - Pursue Open University coursework
- If the course is coming from a non local college, find a course catalog with class descriptions and compare. There is no way to evaluate a class BEFORE admission, so the student risks coursework equivalency.
- The only sure way to show equivalency is to show coursework that has a pre-approved articulation.

Transfer Pathways

THERE ARE THREE PATHWAYS THAT A STUDENT COULD USE TO TRANSFER INTO SDSU:

- General Pathway
- Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)
- Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

Transfer Pathways

Not all majors have each pathway as an option to apply, to find out what pathways are available to each major, please visit the SDSU website:

<https://admissions.sdsu.edu/transfers/transfer-pathways>

Regardless of which transfer pathway or major a student wishes to pursue, a student must at least meet the minimum CSU admissions to be eligible for SDSU.

SDSU TRANSFER OPTION: General Pathway

GENERAL PATHWAY

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GENERAL PATHWAY

ALL SDSU majors have a general pathway option **except:**

- ADT only English
- ADT only Psychology
- ADT only Kinesiology (Exercise Generalist)
- ADT only Liberal Studies (Generalist)

Note: Some majors may have TWO options for transfer. For example, both an ADT and general pathway OR both TAG and general pathway. **A major will never have an ADT AND a TAG option.**

GENERAL PATHWAY

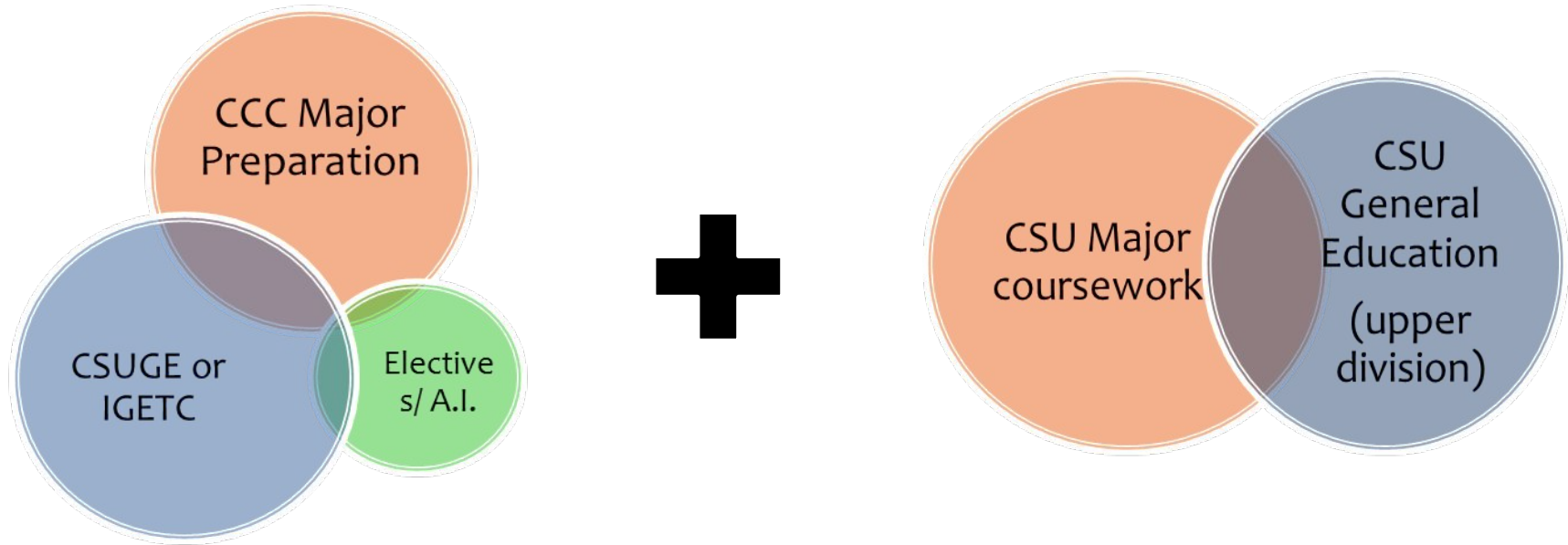
- If the major only has the general pathway option for admissions, students will be ranked based on locality, how many major preparation courses were completed, and GPA.
- Both ADT and TAG students will receive priority admission consideration in a major that has TWO pathways for seeking admissions
 - **Note:** ADT and TAG are not available for every major and/or campus

SDSU TRANSFER OPTION: Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T)

Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T)

- Senate Bill 1440 mandates each CSU to provide priority admission to California Community College students who have earned an AA-T or AS-T degree
- Students who earn an AA-T or AS-T degree and meet the CSU minimum eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to 1 CSU campus, but **not necessarily to a particular campus or major of student choice**
- May be given a GPA bump (.1) when applying to an impacted campus outside your local area or an impacted major that is deemed similar
- Once admitted at a CSU campus in approved program, students can complete a Bachelor's Degree at CSU campus with 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of coursework.

Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T)



60 + 60 = YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T)

- A student may earn an ADT in a particular major, but they are not required to apply to a CSU with the ADT (student choice)
- Students who apply to a major that has two pathway options, will be considered under the general pathway if they do not receive their ADT.
 - It is recommended that a student follow BOTH the Mesa ADT degree plan AND the TAP/ASSIST.ORG major preparation coursework just in case the student does not complete the ADT, they have the option to default to the general pathway option and be competitive

Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T)

- Students who apply to ADT only majors **MUST** earn their ADT in order to be eligible to be eligible for admissions.
 - ADT only English
 - ADT only Psychology
 - ADT only Kinesiology (Exercise Generalist)
 - ADT only Liberal Studies (Generalist)

Students **WILL** have their admission rescinded if they cannot prove they completed the ADT by the end of the spring prior to admissions.

Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T)

- In order to qualify for the ADT program, students must indicate on their Cal State application **AND** on the supplemental application that they are applying for a major through the ADT option.
- In the early spring, SDSU will request electronic verification from the community colleges that students are on track to complete the degree by the end of spring prior to admission at SDSU.
- This program guarantees that students who earn an AA-T or AS-T degree from a California Community College **will be admitted to a CSU campus, but NOT to the campus of their choice.**
 - Due to impaction at SDSU, students who have completed the ADT, but do not have a competitive application will be redirected to another CSU campus for review (chosen by CSU, not SDSU)

SDSU TRANSFER OPTION: Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

SDSU Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

Requirements: (100% completed at local San Diego CC)

- Completion of a minimum of 60 transferable units
- Golden Four Courses
 - Oral Communication, Written Communication, Critical Thinking, Mathematics
- General Education Courses
 - Complete a certified GE package of 39 units or any applicable lower division GE pattern listed in the SDSU catalog
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - Meet the minimum GPA requirement of specific major
- Major Preparation Courses
 - Complete all major preparation courses listed in SDSU catalog

LOCAL VS NON LOCAL

Transfers: SDSU local admission area community colleges are Cuyamaca, Grossmont, Imperial Valley, San Diego City, San Diego Mesa, San Diego Miramar, and Southwestern.



SPECIAL SDSU MAJORS

- There are several special majors that have various additional admission requirements.
- If you are considering applying to one of these majors, please contact the SDSU Department for further questions.

SPECIAL SDSU MAJORS

Athletic Training

- Students must submit a separate application to the School of Exercise & Nutritional Sciences in addition to the Cal State Apply application.
- Additional requirements include, but not limited to:
 - Current certification in CPR & First Aid Specified
 - Letter of documentation to verify completion of at least 60 hours of observation in a traditional athletic training setting
 - Technical Standards for Admission
 - Personal statement and application
 - Two letters of recommendation
 - Interview
- Acceptance into SDSU does not guarantee the student is accepted into the program, nor does an acceptance into the program guarantee admission into SDSU.

SPECIAL SDSU MAJORS

Dance

- Students must meet the CSU admissions requirement **AND** successfully pass an audition for acceptance to the major and the University.
- Auditions are usually held in February following the supplemental application period.
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SPECIAL SDSU MAJORS

Music

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SPECIAL SDSU MAJORS

Theatre Arts – Performance Acting and Musical Theatre

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SPECIAL SDSU MAJORS

International Business

- Applicants must choose a different language from the principal language of instruction used at the high school or secondary school from which they graduated.
 - i.e.: If a student attended high school in Japan in which the courses were taught in Japanese, then the student may not apply to SDSU with the major International Business – Japanese/Asia emphasis.

SPECIAL SDSU MAJORS

Nursing

- In addition to applying for admission online at Cal State Apply by November 30th, students must also complete the SDSU Supplemental Application and answer the specific nursing questions by late January (date TBD)
- Report Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) score on Supplemental Application in January - Minimum overall score requirement is 80%.
- Upper-division and second bachelor's students applying to Nursing **MUST complete Nursing prerequisite courses by the end of fall semester.**
- RN to BSN applicants applying to Nursing must complete Nursing prerequisite courses by the end of spring.
- ***Optional:*** Letter of Verification of Paid Work Experience (100 hours) and Health Care Certification self-reported on Supplemental Application in January

SPECIAL SDSU MAJORS

Television, Film and New Media - Production

- Transfer students admitted to the pre-major in Television, Film, and New Media with an emphasis in Production are required to submit a petition portfolio the second Monday in April.
 - Visit the department page for additional information and requirements
- **A student may be admitted to SDSU without being admitted into the production major.** Students will have one additional opportunity to apply to the major after matriculation at the university.

Ed Plan Components

- **General Education:** CSU GE Breadth Pattern or IGETC
- **Major Prep:** www.assist.org
 - **SDSU TAP** - <https://sunspot.sdsu.edu/pubred/!tap.disp>
- **Electives** (if needed)
- **Mesa AA-T/AS-Ts:** Mesa Catalog
 - <http://www.sdmesa.edu/student-services/transfer-center/associate-degree-for-transfer.shtml>

CSU Dates & Deadlines:

August 1 – September 30, 2022	Spring 2023 Application Cycle – Apply at calstate.edu/apply
October 1 – November 30, 2022	Fall 2023 Application Cycle - Apply at calstate.edu/apply
October 1, 2022	Apply for Financial Aid at www.fafsa.gov
January 2023	Supplemental Transfer Application for <i>some</i> CSU campuses including SDSU* (Check individual websites)
January – February 2023	Official transcripts required for <i>some</i> CSU campuses including SDSU* (Check individual websites)
January – March 2023	ADT Verification (Submitted electronically by CC campus)
March – April 2023	Admissions decision released from CSU campuses
May 1, 2023	Intent to Enroll Deadline
May – July 2023	Official transcripts, test scores, etc. required for verification *

Tips to Prepare

- Meet with a counselor to review your coursework and create education plan
- Review TAP to ensure you are meeting requirements
- Check your email and SDSU WebPortal regularly for admissions updates
- Follow all deadlines and submit documents on time (ie: transcripts, test scores)

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Mesa College Transfer Career
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If you have more questions, please see
**San Diego Mesa College Transfer Center
Webpage** for updated contact
information.

[Transfer Center Web-page link](#)

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