Semester Abroad
IN CALIFORNIA’S FINEST CITY

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SDSU Research Foundation Program
American’s Best University Experience

Founded in 1897, San Diego State University is the fifth largest university in California and part of the California State University System.

San Diego
Average Temperatures

- **18°C** Average Winter Temperature
- **20°C** Average Spring Temperature
- **24°C** Average Summer Temperature
- **21°C** Average Fall Temperature

San Diego

This city is rated as one of the most desirable U.S. cities based on weather, recreation, and cultural opportunities. San Diego’s natural beauty and friendly people attract visitors from around the world.

- Beautiful city
- Friendly people
- Great beaches
- High safety ranking
- Hub of international trade
- Amazing weather
- Thriving businesses
- Excellent learning environment

SDSU | Rankings and Distinctions

- No. 9 in International business for undergraduates – U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges 2016”
- No. 79 on the list of America’s best public universities – U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges 2016”
- No. 26 in clinical psychology graduate programs – U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges 2016”
- No. 39 in public health graduate programs – U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2016”
- Named one of the best undergraduate business programs in the United States – U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges 2016”
- Named one of the best undergraduate engineering programs in the United States – U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges 2016”
QUALITY
- **Faculty** – Classes are taught by highly respected SDSU faculty.
- **Nationally Recognized** – Renowned for academic excellence, SDSU is home to top-ranking programs in the U.S.
- **High Quality** – The Semester at SDSU program is part of the highly ranked California State University system and San Diego State University.

LOCATION
- **California** – From Hollywood to the beach, the California lifestyle has it all.
- **San Diego** – Live in sunny San Diego where the weather is great year-round.
- **San Diego State University** – Study at a top quality U.S. university with more than 30,000 American students.

SERVICE
- **Admissions & Immigration** – We’ll help with admissions questions and send immigration documents.
- **Housing** – Our staff will help students find housing that meets their needs.
- **Advising** – Faculty and staff assist students so the focus remains on their educational goals.

THE TROLLEY
The San Diego Trolley, which has a transit station on the SDSU campus, enables students to navigate San Diego without a car.

**The Trolley provides students connections to:**
- Downtown San Diego
- Some of the finest shopping in Southern California
- Quick connections to San Diego’s many beach communities

The Trolley also gives students without a car a wide choice of living options away from campus.

CHOOSE COURSES FROM OVER 80 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS

- **Academic Excellence**
- **Friendly People**
- **Amazing Weather**

RANKED ONE OF THE SAFEST CITIES IN THE U.S.
SUMMARY
Students earn university credit in one or two semesters while taking classes with American students at SDSU in non-business departments. Students in this program are not eligible to take courses in the College of Business Administration (CBA), which includes Accounting, Business Administration, Management, Marketing, Finance, and Management Information Systems. Those wishing to take courses in the CBA should apply for the Semester at SDSU Business Courses program (see next page).

For course descriptions, please visit sdsu.edu/catalog. For sample class schedules of the courses usually offered, go to sdsu.edu/schedule. Please be aware that not all courses are offered every semester.

HIGHLIGHTS
- **SDSU Courses** – Students can experience SDSU courses with American university students.
- **Official Transcript** – Earned credits are listed on an official SDSU transcript and may be transferable to other universities.
- **Variety of Classes** – SDSU offers more than 3,000 class sections each semester in more than 80 different academic fields. A large number of these classes have additional spaces available after SDSU students have enrolled. Semester at SDSU allows international students to take advantage of these extra spaces.
- **12 Undergraduate or 9 Graduate Units of SDSU Courses** – Through this program, students enroll in 12 undergraduate units or nine graduate units of SDSU courses. Most classes are three units. A fee applies for additional units.

**Note:** The ALI does not guarantee enrollment in specific university courses. Students enroll on a space-available basis.

“Taking classes with American students is great.”
— Natalia, Semester at SDSU student
SUMMARY
Students earn university credit in one or two semesters while taking SDSU business classes. Students are also eligible to take classes in non-business majors. Students choose between two programs:

**Undergraduate Business Courses** – This program is for students who are currently in a business-related Bachelor’s degree program and would like to enroll in undergraduate-level courses.

**Graduate Business Courses** – This program is designed for students who are currently in a business-related Master’s degree program and would like to enroll in graduate-level courses.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **SDSU Integration** – Business classes are taught by SDSU faculty and most business classes in this program are not integrated with American students. Some business classes with American students may be available depending on space.

- **Business Courses** – Students in this program are eligible to enroll in courses in the College of Business Administration including those in Accounting, Business Administration, Finance, Management, Marketing, and Management Information Systems.

- **General Courses** – Students are eligible to take classes in more than 80 different academic fields such as art, engineering, communication, and science.

- **Official Transcript** – Earned credits are listed on an official SDSU transcript and may be transferable to other universities.

- **12 Undergraduate or 9 Graduate Units of SDSU Courses** – Through this program, students enroll in 12 undergraduate units or nine graduate units of SDSU business and non-business courses. Most classes are three units. A fee applies for additional units.

FAST FACTS

- **Program Terms** | Fall (August-December), Spring (January-May)
- **Instruction** | 12 units for undergraduate courses and 9 units for graduate courses
- **Requirements** | TOEFL iBT 80 or IELTS 6.5
- **Included** | Access to SDSU student resources: sports facilities, gym, library, and student clubs
- **Dates and Fees** | [ali.sdsu.edu/calendar](http://ali.sdsu.edu/calendar)
- **Program Information** | [ali.sdsu.edu/semester](http://ali.sdsu.edu/semester) [ali.sdsu.edu/semesterblog](http://ali.sdsu.edu/semesterblog)

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**SUMMARY**
Semester at SDSU Certificates are available for students who would like to receive a certificate in a specialized area of interest. Students can earn a certificate in addition to receiving an official SDSU transcript with transferable credits.

**SUSTAINABLE TOURISM MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE**
(1 or 2 semesters)
This program prepares students to succeed in one of the world’s fastest growing industries. Tourism is a challenging and innovative business that offers students a world of exciting opportunities.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**
- Courses prepare new leaders in this growing field.
- Students examine the economic, environmental, and social impact of the hospitality and tourism industry.

**HOSPITALITY, TOURISM, AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT (HTM) CERTIFICATE**
(1 or 2 semesters)
The HTM certificate is designed for those planning a career in the hospitality and tourism industry. The program provides a strong business foundation and produces new hospitality and tourism leaders.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**
- Students take courses in American business and hospitality practices.
- Program includes guest speakers and visits to local businesses.
- Students can attend business meetings, conventions, and event planning.
- Customized certificates in areas of interest are available.

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- **Program Term** | Fall (August-December), Spring (January-May)
- **Instruction** | Varies according to course enrollment (12 undergraduate units or 9 graduate units)
- **Requirements** | TOEFL iBT 80 or IELTS 6.5
- **Included** | Access to SDSU student resources: sports facilities, gym, library, and student clubs
- **Dates and Fees** | ali.sdsu.edu/calendar
- **Program Information** | ali.sdsu.edu/semestercertificates

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BE A PART OF THE UNIVERSITY

- Study on the SDSU campus
- Live in on-campus dormitories
- Play intramural team sports
- Study in the SDSU library
- Eat at any of three campus food courts
- Attend concerts and events on campus
- Take SDSU courses
- Attend exercise classes at the SDSU recreation center
- Swim in one of three pools

STUDENT LIFE

- **Events** – Students can get involved in the many events and activities at SDSU and throughout San Diego, including volunteer outings and holiday parties.
- **Recreation Center** – From swimming to free weights, yoga and rock climbing, it’s all included at the SDSU recreation center.
- **Conversation Groups** – For extra practice, students talk with Americans in a casual, social setting.
- **Sports Teams** – Join an intramural team and play against other teams. Sports include soccer, basketball, tennis, volleyball, and more.

HOUSING

- **On-Campus Dormitory or Apartment** – On-campus housing is available at all times of the year.
- **Off-Campus Private Housing** – Our staff assists students in finding the perfect housing option. Many students live in private houses and apartments within easy walking distance of campus.
- **Homestay** – The ALI coordinates and manages the homestay program with over 300 families. All locations are within 30 minutes of campus by public transportation.

STAFF SUPPORT

- **Admissions and Immigration** – Staff supports students throughout the application and immigration process.
- **Arriving** – Airport pickup service is available for students at the San Diego International Airport.
- **Orientation** – Students receive useful information about their ALI program at orientation.
- **Transitioning** – Staff provides resources to help students transition successfully into life in the U.S.
- **Advising** – Advisors are available to help with course information.
- **Counseling, Health Insurance, and Student Life** – Our trained staff is available to assist.

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23,165 SQUARE METER GYM

- Surfing Classes
- Sporting Events
- Recreation Center

HOUSING CHOICES INCLUDE

300+ HOST FAMILIES
San Diego Area

Mailing Address
American Language Institute
College of Extended Studies
San Diego State University
5250 Campanile Drive
San Diego, California
92182-1914, USA

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Admissions and Immigration
Apply online at ali.sdsu.edu/apply
Steps to apply:
1. Complete online application
2. Submit application fee of $175
3. Submit a current bank statement by email, mail, or fax
4. Submit copy of passport
5. Submit proof of English proficiency

Contact the Admissions and Immigration Team
Email: applyali@mail.sdsu.edu

The ALI is a member of the Consortium of University and College Intensive English Programs (UCIEP) and the American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIEP).
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