San Diego Experience

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 over 34 million visitors from around the world each year.

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

San Diego Average Temperatures

- 24°C Summer
- 21°C Fall
- 18°C Winter
- 20°C Spring

“San Diego is a great place to learn English and American culture. Thank you for everything!”
— Seonhye Yun, Intensive English for Communication student
TOP 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

1. RANKING  Top-ranked academic programs, award-winning professors, and premier research facilities. SDSU ranks top 20 in the U.S. for undergraduate international business.

2. LOCATION  San Diego is a thriving cultural, educational, and entertainment center.

3. SAFETY  On-campus police department provides security for students’ safety and comfort.

4. POPULARITY  SDSU ranks top 10 in the U.S. for freshmen applicants.

5. TRANSPORTATION  Easy access to public transportation with bus and trolley (metro) stations on campus.

ON-CAMPUS METRO

The metro, also known as 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 housing options away from campus.
Study at San Diego State University

INTENSIVE ENGLISH
Intensive English for Communication
▶ Seven levels from beginning to advanced
▶ Four or more weeks of instruction with flexible start dates
▶ 23 hours (or more) per week of classroom instruction
▶ Oral communication with native speakers
ali.sdsu.edu/iec

BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATES
International Business English
▶ Study business practices and improve business English communication
▶ Students participate in workshops and seminars
▶ Intermediate English required (students can pre-qualify with TOEFL 55 (IBT) or IELTS 5.0 or TOEIC 500)
▶ 23 hours (or more) per week of classroom instruction
ali.sdsu.edu/ibe

Social Entrepreneurship
▶ Learn English while studying business models and enterprises that help change the world
▶ Intermediate English required (students can pre-qualify with TOEFL 55 (IBT) or IELTS 5.0 or TOEIC 500)
▶ 23 hours (or more) per week of classroom instruction
ali.sdsu.edu/se

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY
English for Academic Purposes
▶ For students who plan to enter a U.S. college or university
▶ All levels from beginning to advanced
▶ 12 weeks in summer, 17-18 weeks in fall or spring
▶ TOEFL and IELTS preparation
▶ Advanced students may enroll in up to two regular university courses (for an additional fee)
ali.sdsu.edu/eap

Pre-MBA and Pre-Master’s
▶ Intermediate English required
▶ 12 weeks in summer, 17-18 weeks in fall or spring
▶ GMAT, GRE, TOEFL, and IELTS preparation
▶ Includes advising for entrance to U.S. universities
ali.sdsu.edu/premba

“Studying abroad at SDSU is the best thing that ever happened to me. I’ve made so many new friends and I’ve have had many cultural experiences.”
— Marcus de Ree, Semester at SDSU Student from the Netherlands
UNIVERSITY CREDIT
Programs are 17-19 weeks in fall or spring. Prequalify with TOEFL 80, IELTS 6.5, or other approved exams. Students can get an official SDSU university transcript.

Semester at SDSU
General Courses
- SDSU courses with American students for one or two semesters

Semester at SDSU
Business Courses
- Business courses taught by SDSU faculty for one or two semesters
ali.sdsu.edu/semester

Semester at SDSU Certificates
- Business Certificate
- Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation Management Certificate
- Sustainable Tourism Certificate
ali.sdsu.edu/semestercertificates

TEACHER TRAINING
TESL/TEFL Certificate
- No teaching experience required
- Four-week daytime sessions or 11-week evening sessions
- 130 hours of instruction
- Requires TOEFL 79, IELTS 6.5, or oral interview
ali.sdsu.edu/teseflcertificate

UNDERGRADUATE CONDITIONAL ADMISSION
Academically eligible students can receive guaranteed admission to SDSU. Undergraduate Conditional Admission to San Diego State University (SDSU) is for qualified students, who want to apply to SDSU as a first-time freshman, but do not currently meet the SDSU English language proficiency requirements. Students can matriculate to SDSU upon completion of English language study at the ALI.

1. Complete the online application at ali.sdsu.edu/apply.
2. Send official transcripts to the American Language Institute.
3. Admissible students will be issued a letter of Conditional Admission from SDSU.
4. SDSU’s ALI will send out I-20 and Conditional Admission letters via express mail.

For more information, contact Kim Newcomb at knewcomb@mail.sdsu.edu or visit

ali.sdsu.edu/semester
Housing and Student Life

HOUSING OPTIONS

› **Homestay** – The ALI coordinates and manages the homestay program with over 250 families. All locations are within 30 minutes of campus by public transportation.

› **On-Campus Dormitory and Apartment** – On-campus housing is available through the American Language Institute, including options for shared rooms or individual rooms.

› **Off-Campus Private Housing** – Our staff assists students in finding a suitable housing option. Many students live in private houses and apartments, within easy walking distance of campus.

[ali.sdsu.edu/housing](ali.sdsu.edu/housing)

STAFF SUPPORT

› **Admissions and Immigration** – Staff supports students throughout the application and immigration process.

› **Airport Pickup** – ALI staff can meet students at the San Diego International Airport upon arrival.

› **Orientation** – Students receive useful information about their ALI program at orientation.

› **Advising** – Advisors are available to help with academic course information or other student issues.

› **Counseling, Health Insurance, and Student Life** – Our trained staff is available to assist students in transitioning successfully into life in the U.S.

CONNECT WITH US

[ALI BLOG](ali.sdsu.edu/blog)

250+
HOMESTAY HOST FAMILIES

3,000+
SDSU CLASSES

LIVE AND STUDY WITH
30,000+
AMERICAN STUDENTS
BE A PART OF THE UNIVERSITY

- Study on the SDSU campus
- Live in campus dormitories
- Play intramural team sports
- Study in the SDSU library
- Eat at the many campus restaurants
- Attend concerts and events on campus
- Take SDSU courses
- Attend exercise classes at the SDSU recreation center
- Choose from three pools to swim in
- Take surfing classes
- Join free conversation groups with Americans

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The ALI Student Life office partners with local non-profit organizations to preserve the environment and enhance the lives of individuals and families in San Diego. Students who volunteer on a regular basis receive a Community Service Recognition seal on their academic certificates.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

- Canyon Restoration & Revitalization
- Community Garden Maintenance
- Food Distribution & Meal Service
- Neighborhood & Coastal Beautification
- Social Events with Community Members

FREE GYM & AQUAPLEX MEMBERSHIP

- Surfing Classes
- Sporting Events
- Recreation Center
SAN DIEGO AREA

San Diego

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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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