STUDENTS

CAMPUS LIFE
Quality of Life Rating 90
Fire Safety Rating 95
Green Rating 90
Type of school Public
Environment Metropolis

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Total undergrad enrollment 31,086
% male/female 44/56
% from out of state 11
% frosh from public high school 91
% frosh live on campus 38
% ugrads live on campus 8
# of fraternities (% ugrad men join) 22 (7)
# of sororities (% ugrad women join) 21 (12)
% Black or African American 4
% Asian 13
% White 34
% Hispanic 34
% Native American <1
% Pacific Islander <1
% Two or more races 7
% international 5
# of countries represented 106

SURVEY SAYS . . .
Students are happy
Students love San Diego, CA
Recreation facilities are great
Frat and sororities are popular

ACADEMICS
Academic Rating 78
% students returning for sophomore year 89
% students graduating within 4 years 48
% students graduating within 6 years 78
Calendar Semester
Student/faculty ratio 25:1
Profs interesting rating 85
Profs accessible rating 90
Most classes have 20–29 students.
Most lab/discussion sessions have 20–29 students.

MOST POPULAR MAJORS
Business Administration and Management;
Psychology; Sports, Kinesiology, and Physical
Education/Fitness

STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

Academics
Students lucky enough to attend San Diego State University receive a “quality, affordable education,” all while they soak up that brilliant “San Diego sun!” And with a “wide array [of] majors and minors” along with a good deal of “flexibility in course choices,” it’s understandable why individuals are drawn to this institution. Speaking of majors (and minors), undergrads at SDSU rush to underscore a handful of really stellar academic departments. For starters, the “science programs have vigorous requirements that [truly] prepare you for grad school or medical school.” Additionally, the “music program strives to create the best educators and performers.” The nursing school is also “amazing” and really works to “accommodate…each individual.” And the international business program is considered “one of the top…in the nation.”

Life
Simply put, life at San Diego State is “wonderful.” And, no matter whether you opt to participate in “Greek life, a student organization, or a sport, everyone [finds] something to do.” Additionally, SDSU’s Associated Students is great about sponsoring a number of “fun” events such as Aztec Nights, which in past years have included “Distress Fest, Haunted Montezuma and the Polar Plunge.” A thrilled speech pathology major rushes to brag, “Every Thursday, there is a farmer’s market on campus where students can enjoy a wide array of international cuisines prepared by local restaurants. SDSU also has “amazing athletics” and undergrads love “attending football [games], basketball [games] and other sporting events.” Of course, given that San Diego has “[beautiful] weather year round,” you won’t catch SDSU students “spend[ing] much time indoors.” It’s quite common to see students riding “bikes or skateboards across campus.” And a business administration major pipes in, “The beach is a huge draw for people whether you like surfing, paddle boarding, or just swimming.” Additionally, the “campus is located 10 minutes from Fashion Valley or Balboa Park, and there are tons of good restaurants around. It is also very close to the Mexican border for easy day trips.”

Student Body
San Diego State is comprised of a “diverse community of students who are as laid-back as they are hard-working.” Indeed, the university does a great job of attracting undergrads “from all over the world and all walks of life.” Students happily report that their peers are both “social” and “academically driven.” Even better, “they are supportive and seem to always be open to help others who are struggling.” Undergrads also appreciate that there are “endless opportunities to meet new people because the campus is swarming with students.” And, for the most part, San Diego undergrads are “very accepting of one another and open minded.” Of course, all of this goodwill can partially be attributed to the lovely surroundings. As one business students sums up, “It’s hard not to be happy when living in beautiful San Diego.”
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THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

Admissions
The school reports that its standardized testing policy for use in admission for Fall 2022 is Test Blind. It is unknown at this time if the 2022 testing policy will be permanent. The Princeton Review suggests that interested applicants consult with the school for the most up-to-date standardized testing policies. Very important factors considered include: rigor of secondary school record, academic GPA. Important factors considered include: geographical residence. Other factors considered include: recommendation(s), extracurricular activities. High school diploma is required and GED is accepted. Academic units required: 4 English, 3 math, 3 science, 2 science labs, 2 foreign language, 1 social studies, 1 history, 1 visual/performing arts, 1 unit from above areas or other academic areas. Academic units recommended: 4 math, 3 science labs.

Financial Aid
Students should submit: FAFSA; State aid form. Priority filing deadline is 4/1. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after October 1. Need-based scholarships/grants offered: College/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds; Federal Pell; Private scholarships; SEOG; State scholarships/grants. Loan aid offered: Direct PLUS loans; Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans; Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning 3/15. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available.

The Inside Word
The admissions process at San Diego State is very by the book. Similar to other universities within the California State system San Diego relies on the eligibility index as the crux of their decision making. Hence, your GPA will be critical. Moreover, the application is major specific; candidates will be ranked against all other individuals applying to that particular major. You will not be able to change your major during this process (though, aside from nursing, you will once you arrive on campus). Finally, all music, dance, and/or theater candidates will have to audition as well.

THE SCHOOL SAYS “...”

From the Admissions Office
“Founded in 1897, San Diego State University is a major public research institution that provides transformative experiences for its more than 36,000 students. SDSU ranks as the number 1 California State University in federal research support, is a long-standing Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and resides on Kumeyaay land.

“The university is known for offering transformational research, international experiences, sustainability and entrepreneurship initiatives, internships and mentoring, and a broad range of student life and leadership opportunities. SDSU is committed to excellence and known for its efforts advancing diversity and inclusion.

“SDSU is nationally recognized for its study abroad initiatives, veterans’ programs and support of LGBTQ+ students, as well as its powerhouse Division I Athletics Program. Recognized as a national leader in higher education, students have access to more than 400 student clubs and organizations and an inclusive environment with a diverse range of programs and offerings.

“About 54% of SDSU’s undergraduates and graduates are students of color. The university’s rich campus life and ideal location offers opportunities for students to lead and engage with the creative and performing arts, career and internship opportunities with SDSU’s more than 400,000 living alumni, and the vibrant cultural life of the greater San Diego and U.S.-Mexico region.”