

Test Information

Test Office, SS-2549
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Test Deadlines at a Glance!

There are fees for some tests.

Web site: www.sdsu.edu/testoffice

Test Date	Guaranteed Registration Deadline	Official Score Report Released	Note Reference
ENTRY-LEVEL MATHEMATICS EXAM			
May 3	April 18	May 26	
June 7	May 22	July 14	G
June 21	June 6	July 14	C
*July 26	July 11	August 18	A, E, G
*August 30	August 15	September 8	B, D, F, G

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENTAL PLACEMENT EXAM

June 7	May 22	June 16	G
July 12	June 26	July 21	C, G
August 16	August 1	August 25	A, E, G
September 6	September 3	September 10	F, G
October 18	October 3	October 27	G
November 8	October 24	November 17	G, D
December 6	November 19	December 15	B, G

ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST

May 3	April 18	May 26	
June 7	May 22	July 14	G
June 21	June 6	July 14	C
*July 26	July 11	August 18	A, E, G
*August 30	August 15	September 8	B, D, F, G

TRANSFER WRITING ASSESSMENT

June 7	May 22	June 23	G
July 12	June 27	July 28	C, G
August 16	August 1	August 22	A, E, F, G
October 18	October 3	November 3	G
November 8	October 24	November 24	G, D
December 6	November 19	January 7	B, G

UPPER DIVISION WRITING EXAM

July 19	July 3	August 4	A, F, G
October 11	September 26	October 27	G, D
December 6	November 19	January 7	B, G

* For new Fall 2003 admits required to take the EPT and/or ELM: If you take the test on these dates you will not be able to register for classes until the Official Score Release date.

NOTE

- Last test for Summer 2003 graduation.
- Last test for Fall 2003 graduation.
- Last test date scores released before Fall 2003 RegLine begins.
- Last test date scores released and T-holds removed before Spring 2004 RegLine begins.
- Test will meet course prerequisites and remove T-holds, but not until the Official Score Report Release date listed above. During RegLine, the Registrar's office will automatically clear course prerequisites and remove T-holds on the Official Score Report release date.
- Last test to remove T-holds for needing to pass a requirement for Spring 2003, Add/Drop and late registration and meet course prerequisites.
- Given only on San Diego State University campus.

Students with a learning or physical disability should contact Disabled Student Services Center for possible special testing arrangements four weeks prior to the test.

See following section for information on alternative ways to satisfy above test requirements.

PLEASE NOTE: Credits earned in courses numbered below 100, and courses numbered 397 will not count toward the baccalaureate degree.

COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS:

MATHEMATICS AND WRITING

All students, whether freshmen or transfer, are required to demonstrate competency in basic mathematics and standard written English. Incoming students who are not exempt from the CSU Entry Level Mathematics examination (ELM) and/or the English Placement Test (EPT) because of national test scores or college level courses (see explanation of exemptions below) must take these tests PRIOR to registration in any courses. Those who fail one or both of these examinations are REQUIRED to be enrolled in appropriate sections of General Mathematics and/or Rhetoric and Writing Studies courses in the FIRST semester of enrollment. Students who do not successfully remediate both the ELM and EPT by the end of the third term of enrollment are subject to disenrollment. (including summer term). Transfer students who do not pass the Transfer Writing Assessment by the end of the second semester of attendance are subject to the loss of registration priority.

Competency requirements are required preparation for a number of specific courses identified in the Class Schedule. Test dates and times are listed in the following section of this Class Schedule. No student shall graduate until all competency requirements are satisfied.

MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENTS: FRESHMEN

Demonstration of mathematics competency is satisfied in one of the following ways:

- Pass one of the following national or state tests at the minimum score* or level identified below:
 - ELM score of 50 if taken after February 2002 (CSU Entry Level Mathematics Test). ELM score of 550 if taken before February 2002.
 - SAT or SAT I mathematics score of 550 (Scholastic Aptitude Test or Scholastic Assessment Test).
 - ACT mathematics test score of 23 (American College Test) if taken after October 1989.
 - AP score of 3 on mathematics AB or BC examination or the statistics examination (The College Board Advanced Placement Program).
 - Score of 550 on the College Board Mathematics Achievement Test, Level I or IC or II or IIC.
 - Score of 550 on the College Board SAT II Mathematics Test, Level I or IC or II or IIC.

OR

- Earn a "C" or better grade in a transferable college mathematics course that satisfies General Education Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning.

OR

III. Complete BOTH a and b

- Attempt and fail the ELM test (CSU Entry Level Mathematics) (score below 50 if taken after February 2002 and score below 550 if taken before February 2002).

AND

- Earn Credit (Cr) in General Mathematics Studies 91 or 99C at SDSU.

Credit earned in General Mathematics Studies courses numbered below 100 are not applicable to the baccalaureate degree.

* These scores are appropriate only to those students who satisfy the requirement upon matriculation in this catalog year or who take the examinations during this catalog year.

REMEDICATION

Students who do not achieve a passing score on the Entry-Level Mathematics (ELM) examination must take remedial courses. Students must begin their remediation during the first semester, and must complete all needed remedial courses with a grade of CR by the end of their third term of enrollment (including summer term). The following chart shows which remedial courses must be taken based on the test scores:

If taken after February 2002.

ELM Score	Courses Needed
50 or greater	None
41-49	General Mathematics Studies 91 or 99C
Below 41	General Mathematics Studies 90 or 99A first semester General Mathematics Studies 91 or 99C second semester

If taken before February 2002.

ELM Score	Courses Needed
550 or greater	None
480-540	General Mathematics Studies 91 or 99C
Below 480	General Mathematics Studies 90 or 99A first semester General Mathematics Studies 91 or 99C second semester

Satisfactory completion of remedial coursework satisfies the math requirement.

The Entry-Level Mathematics Examination will be given on all CSU campuses on the following dates. Students must register at the Test Office by the deadline date. New students are required to take the ELM **prior** to any registration. *See schedule at beginning of Test Information section for information on deadline dates.* Information bulletins and registration materials for the ELM will be mailed to all students who apply to a CSU campus.

May 3	
June 7	(GIVEN ONLY AT SDSU)
June 21	
July 26	(GIVEN ONLY AT SDSU)
August 30	(GIVEN ONLY AT SDSU)

MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENTS: TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students generally fulfill their mathematics testing requirement by passing a transferable college level mathematics course with a "C" grade or better. Transfer students who do not meet this requirement will be held to the freshmen mathematics testing requirement.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENTAL PLACEMENT EXAMINATION

Students wishing to enroll in any logic, mathematics, physics, statistics, or mathematically related course must pass the appropriate part of the Mathematics Departmental Placement Examination. These examinations assess mathematical preparation beyond the elementary level. Part IA tests knowledge of intermediate algebra; the Precalculus Proficiency Examination tests knowledge of algebra and trigonometry as needed in calculus; Part LS tests numbers and operations, geometry and measurement. Equivalent transfer courses will not grant exemptions from any part of the Placement Examination.

The Mathematics Departmental Placement Examination will be given on the SDSU campus on the following dates. Students must register at the Test Office by the deadline date. *See schedule at beginning of Test Information section for information on deadline dates.*

June 7	September 6	December 6
July 12	October 18	
August 16	November 8	

WRITING REQUIREMENTS: FRESHMEN

Demonstration of writing competency is satisfied in one of the following ways:

- I. Pass one of the following national or state tests at the minimum score* or level identified below:
 - a. EPT score of 151 total (CSU English Placement Test).
 - b. SAT I verbal score of 550 if taken after March 1995 (Scholastic Aptitude Test or Scholastic Assessment Test). SAT or SAT I verbal score of 470 if taken before March 1995.
 - c. ACT English usage score of 24 (American College Test) if taken after October 1989.
 - d. AP score of 3 on Language and Composition or Literature and Composition (The College Board Advanced Placement Program).
 - e. Score of 600 on the College Board Achievement Test in English Composition with Essay.
 - f. Score of 680 on the College Board SAT II Writing Test if taken May 1998 and after. Score of 660 on the College Board SAT II Writing Test if taken between April 1995 and April 1998. Score of 600 on the College Board SAT II Writing Test if taken before March 1995.

OR

II. Complete BOTH a and b (below)

- a. Pass with a C or better a transferable GE English Course **AND**
- b. Pass the SDSU Transfer Writing Assessment (Writing Competency Test) or earning credit (Cr) in Rhetoric and Writing Studies 92A, 92B, 94, 97A, 97B.

OR

III. Complete BOTH a and b.

- a. Attempt but fail the EPT (CSU English Placement Test) (score below 151 total). **AND**
- b. Earn credit (Cr) in one of the following courses: Rhetoric and Writing Studies 92A, 92B, 94, 97A, 97B.

Credit earned in Rhetoric and Writing Studies 92A, 92B, 94, 95, 97A, or 97B is not applicable to the baccalaureate degree.

REMEDICATION

Students who do not achieve a passing score on the English Placement Test (EPT) must take remedial courses. Students must begin their remediation during the first semester, and must complete all needed remedial courses with a grade of CR (except 101) by the end of their third term of enrollment, including Summer. The following chart shows which remedial courses must be taken based on the test scores:

EPT Score	Course Needed
151 or greater	None
146-150 (and essay score of 8 or higher)	Rhetoric and Writing Studies 101* and 98A (concurrently) *limited space
146-150 (and essay score of 7 or lower)	Rhetoric and Writing 92A, 94, or 97A
145 or lower	Rhetoric and Writing Studies 94 or 95 (if non-native speaker)

Satisfactory completion of remedial coursework satisfies the writing requirement.

The English Placement Test will be given at all CSU campuses on the following dates. Students must register at the Test Office by the deadline date. New students are required to take the EPT **prior** to any registration. *See schedule at beginning of Test Information section for information on deadline dates.* Information

* These scores are appropriate only to those students who satisfy the requirement upon matriculation in this catalog year or who take the examinations during this catalog year.

bulletins and registration materials for the EPT will be mailed to all students who apply to a CSU campus.

May 3	
June 7	(GIVEN ONLY AT SDSU)
June 21	
July 26	(GIVEN ONLY AT SDSU)
August 30	(GIVEN ONLY AT SDSU)

WRITING REQUIREMENTS: TRANSFER STUDENTS

The method by which transfer students demonstrate writing competency will change as of December 30, 2003. The change will apply to ALL undergraduates regardless of catalog year or matriculation date who have not yet completed Transfer Writing Assessment as of December 30, 2003.

Demonstration of writing competency is satisfied in one of the following ways:

I. **Complete BOTH a and b.**

a. Pass with a C or better a transferable GE English Composition course.

AND

b. Pass the SDSU Transfer Writing Assessment (Writing Competency Test) **OR** earning credit (Cr) in one of the following courses: Rhetoric and Writing Studies 95 or 96.

Credit earned in Rhetoric and Writing Studies courses numbered below 100 is not applicable to the baccalaureate degree.

OR

II. Pass one of the following national or state tests at the minimum score* or level identified below:

- a. EPT score of 151 total (CSU English Placement Test).
- b. SAT I verbal score of 550 if taken after March 1995 (Scholastic Aptitude Test or Scholastic Assessment Test), SAT or SAT I verbal score of 470 if taken before March 1995.
- c. ACT English usage score of 24 (American College Test) if taken after October 1989.
- d. AP score of 3 on Language and Composition or Literature and Composition (The College Board Advanced Placement Program).
- e. Score of 600 on the College Board Achievement Test in English Composition with Essay.
- f. Score of 680 or above on the College Board SAT II Writing Test taken May 1998 and after. Score of 660 on the College Board SAT II Writing Test if taken between April 1995 and April 1998. Score of 600 on the College Board SAT II Writing Test taken before March 1995

Credit earned in Rhetoric and Writing Studies 92A, 92B, 94, 95, 96, 97A, or 97B is not applicable to the baccalaureate degree.

The SDSU Transfer Writing Assessment (Writing Competency) will be given on the following dates. Students must register at the Test Office by the deadline date. See schedule at beginning of Test Information section for information on deadline dates.

June 7	October 18
July 12	November 8
August 16	December 6

Students who fail to pass the SDSU Transfer Writing Assessment should take Rhetoric and Writing Studies 95 or 96. The final examination in the course is a competency examination. Students who do not score at an adequate level on that examination may advance to Rhetoric and Writing Studies 95 or 96, which also uses a competency examination as a final examination. A grade of Cr (Credit) in Rhetoric and Writing Studies 95 or 96 will satisfy the SDSU Transfer Writing Assessment requirement. Credit earned in Rhetoric and Writing Studies 95 or 96 is not applicable to the baccalaureate degree.

UPPER DIVISION WRITING REQUIREMENT

The Upper Division Writing requirement will change as of December 30, 2003. The change will apply to ALL undergraduates regardless of catalog year or matriculation date who have not yet completed the Upper Division Writing requirement as of December 30, 2003.

All students must demonstrate competency in writing skills as mandated by the major and included in each major description. Students whose majors do not specify any particular course or procedure may select from the following options:

1. Demonstrate the required proficiency by passing the University Upper Division Writing Examination.
2. Pass with a grade of Cr or C (2.0) or better one of the following courses: Asian Studies 360W; Chicana and Chicano Studies 396W; Communication 310W; English 306W, 508W, 581W, 584W; History 400W; 450W, Information and Decision Systems 390W, 396W; Linguistics 305W, 396W; Recreation 396W; Religious Studies 396W; Rhetoric and Writing Studies 305W, 500W, 503W or Women's Studies 400W.
3. Passing the Transfer Writing Assessment Test with a score of 10 or higher. (Beginning June 1, 2002)

(Note: Several of these courses are limited to majors in the indicated department or have additional prerequisite requirements. Courses required for the major must be taken for a letter grade.)

TEST OPTION

For a valid pass, before taking the test or enrolling in one of the approved courses, students must have:

1. Completed or be completing 60 units;
2. Fulfilled the lower division Writing Competency (Transfer Writing Assessment) requirement; and
3. Completed the General Education Communication and Critical Thinking requirement in Composition and Intermediate Composition and Critical Thinking.

Students who transfer from another CSU campus having fulfilled this requirement will not be required to repeat it. Please note, however, that a course listed above may be required for the major.

The Upper Division Writing Examination will be given on the following dates. Students must register at the Test Office by the deadline date. See schedule at beginning of Test Information section for information on deadline dates.

July 19
October 11
December 6

AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS (California Government Exam)

The American Institutions graduation requirement may be satisfied by completion of certain courses or a combination of courses and the California Government examination. See the current *General Catalog* for details. The dates on which the California Government examination will be given are as follows. Students must register at the Test Office by the deadline date.

Test Date	Deadline	Score Release
July 12	July 3	July 21
October 18	October 10	October 27
November 15	November 7	November 24

JOURNALISM (School of Communication)

GRAMMAR, SPELLING, AND PUNCTUATION (GSP) TEST (90 minutes)

This test is required for admission to the impacted professional communication majors, and prior to enrolling in all advanced skills classes in the impacted majors. Students must pass the test prior to registration. STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED THREE ATTEMPTS TO PASS THE GRAMMAR, SPELLING, AND PUNCTUATION (GSP) TEST.

Students may take a test preparation through extended studies class, Grammar for Journalists. Check the General Catalog for course prerequisites or call the School of Communication Office (619-594-5450) for course information.

Students must register at the Test Office by the deadline date.

Test Date	Deadline	Score Release
June 7	May 30	June 16
July 12	July 3	July 21
September 6	September 3	September 15
October 18	October 10	October 27
November 15	November 7	November 24

FOREIGN LANGUAGE TESTS

FRENCH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST (MLA)

The French proficiency examinations are taken (a) as a challenge exam to satisfy the Foreign Language Graduation Requirement for liberal arts and science majors (b) to waive specific 200-level French courses which are prerequisites for more advanced classes (c) or to waive French 301 and/or French 302. Contact the European Studies Department for more information at euro.coord@sdsu.edu.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 8	September 5

GERMAN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST

The German proficiency examinations are taken (1) as a challenge exam to satisfy the Foreign Language Graduation Requirement for liberal arts and science majors and/or (2) to waive 100 and 200-level German courses which are prerequisites for more advanced classes. Contact the European Studies Department for more information at euro.coord@sdsu.edu.

Test Date	Deadline
September 8	September 5

ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST (MLA)

The Italian proficiency examinations are taken (1) as a challenge exam to satisfy the Foreign Language Graduation Requirement for liberal arts and science majors and/or (2) to waive 200-level Italian courses which are prerequisites for more advanced classes. Contact the European Studies Department for more information at euro.coord@sdsu.edu.

Test Date	Deadline
September 8	September 5

JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST

The Japanese language proficiency test is taken to assess the proficiency level and to place students at the most appropriate level in the curriculum of the Japanese language program at San Diego State University. Students who have special backgrounds, and those SDSU students who took Japanese elsewhere, including SDSU students who participated in exchange programs, are required to take this examination. For more information, contact the Japanese language adviser in the Department of Linguistics and Oriental Languages at euro.coord@sdsu.edu.

Japanese Language, Level IV

Test Date	Deadline
September 6	September 5

Japanese Language, Level III

Test Date	Deadline
September 13	September 12

Japanese Language, Level II

Test Date	Deadline
September 17	September 16

Japanese Language, Level I

Test Date	Deadline
September 19	September 18

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST

The Russian proficiency examinations are taken (1) as a challenge exam to satisfy the Foreign Language Graduation Requirement for liberal arts and science majors and/or (2) to waive 200-level Russian courses which are prerequisites for more advanced classes. Contact the European Studies Department for more information at euro.coord@sdsu.edu.

Test Date	Deadline
September 8	September 5

SPANISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST

The Spanish proficiency examination is taken as a challenging exam to satisfy foreign language requirements for liberal arts and science majors. Contact the Spanish Department for more information.

Test Date	Deadline	Score Release
October 14	September 30	November 4

DIAGNOSTIC PLACEMENT EXAM FOR SPANISH 281, 282 AND 381 (SPANISH FOR U.S. HISPANIC)

This test is used to place students of Spanish speaking background in Spanish 282, and 381 only. No academic credit will be awarded. Contact the Spanish Department for more information.

Test Date	Deadline	Score Release
July 12	July 3	July 21
September 6	September 3	September 15
November 15	November 7	November 24

NURSING MOBILITY PROFILE

The NLN Nursing Mobility Profile II tests are used to determine academic adjustments for RN's seeking a BS degree from the School of Nursing. Students must complete the examinations in order to progress in the RN-BS program. Students should contact the School of Nursing at least three weeks in advance of the test date for information on which examinations to take (619-594-6399).

CARE OF THE ADULT CLIENT

Test Date	Deadline
June 10	May 13
September 24	September 2

CARE OF THE CLIENT DURING CHILDBEARING

CARE OF THE CHILD

Test Date	Deadline
June 11	May 19
September 25	September 3

CARE OF THE CLIENT WITH MENTAL DISORDER

Test Date	Deadline
June 12	May 19
September 26	September 3

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY-COMPUTER EDUCATION

The State of California now requires that future teachers complete a computer education requirement in order to receive the Preliminary teaching credential. EDTEC 470, Technologies for Teaching, has been designed to fulfill this requirement.

Some education students will already have skills and knowledge in integrating technology into classroom instruction. These students may elect to challenge the course by completing a test. To prepare for the waiver test, students may wish to study the activities and materials on the course Web site at: edweb.sdsu.edu/courses/edtec470/.

EDTEC 470 PROFICIENCY TEST

The test takes two hours to complete and consists of objective items. Short essay questions describing how one would use technology in a specific situation, and a demonstration of the ability to use Productivity software typically found in schools. Students must register at the Test Office. Registration must take place by the deadline date:

Test Date	Deadline
September 6.....	September 3
December 6.....	December 3

EDTEC 570 PROFICIENCY TEST

The test takes two hours to complete. It requires responding to a simulated educational situation involving the design of learning activities that integrate technology. Knowledge of teaching with databases, collaborative projects, web-based inquiry and other formats is tested.

Test Date	Deadline
September 6.....	September 3
December 6.....	December 3

LIBERAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT PORTFOLIO

Satisfactory completion of an assessment portfolio is a graduation requirement for the Liberal Studies major. Students are introduced to the portfolio during orientation and as a part of the Liberal Studies 300 class. Additional information is available at <http://dus.sdsu.edu/liberalstudies>. Sample portfolios are available in the Liberal Studies Program Office. The semester before a student intends to graduate, he/she should enroll in Liberal Studies 498 (0.5 unit), a series of special workshops which deal with the expectations for the various entries.

Mandatory "portfolio check-off" sessions are held during the week prior to the deadline. For directions and to sign-up, go to the Liberal Studies Program Office.

Portfolios must be submitted to the Test Office by Monday, June 23 for Summer 2003 graduation and by Monday, September 29 for Fall 2003 graduation.

ADVANCED DEGREE EXAMINATIONS

For information on required tests, contact the major department or the Graduate Division. Sign up for specific tests at the Test Office at least five weeks prior to test date.

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