



**SAN DIEGO STATE
UNIVERSITY**



Degree Programmes

This study placement is available to ABS students (Single Honours) who have achieved 2.1 or higher in Year 1

Number of Places: 2

This document provides basic information about the university. **Please do your own research before applying.**

Application Process

To apply for this opportunity you must submit an online application.

Link to the online application can be found in the **How to Apply** section in each university ad. Online application form requires registration, please register with your Aston University e-mail.

Please note that you can submit one application only. As a part of the application, you must provide three universities in order of preference, which should also be specified in your motivation letter.

You are required to submit one motivational letter, which must be focused on your first priority.

Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Projects Team.

[The University](#)

San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
California 92182
United States

[University Website](#)
[Incoming Exchange Page](#)



San Diego State University (SDSU) was founded in 1897, and is one of the oldest and largest universities in California. It is part of the California State University System. Approximately 35,000 students in total attend SDSU. The 283 acre campus provides theatres, stadiums, a recreation centre, a health centre, a student union, as well as on-campus housing. It also maintains two observatories, weather stations and public broadcast radio and television stations.

The College of Business Administration is accredited by AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). It offers several undergraduate degree programmes, as well as an International Business Programme which is run jointly with the College of Arts and Letters. The College also offers graduate programmes, including an Executive MBA.

Location

San Diego is the second largest city in California, and the ninth largest in the USA, with a population of just over three million people. The city is situated on the Pacific coast, and is about 125 miles from Los Angeles (the nearest airport serving flights to the UK is Los Angeles International Airport, from which it is

necessary to take another flight to San Diego International Airport). San Diego is famous for its Californian climate, its beaches and its scenery (and, in particular, for the San Diego Zoo and Sea World).

Semester/key dates

Fall Semester: end of August – end of December (including exchange student check-in)

Spring Semester: mid-January – mid-May (including Exchange student orientation)

[Academic Calendar](#)

Courses Available

Students should plan what courses to take while at SDSU. Undergraduates should refer to the [General Catalog](#) for a description of courses in their preferred field of study.

Registering for classes

Once accepted to SDSU, students must create a SDSU WebPortal account. Students enroll for their classes through WebPortal. A registration date and time will be posted in their account. To register for courses, students are given a priority registration time in April for the Fall semester and in November for the Spring semester and should register at the exact time and date assigned.

In most cases, students will be able to enroll in courses requiring pre-requisites through their WebPortal accounts. They will receive a message advising them to take transcripts and descriptions of coursework completed to class to show the instructor they have satisfied the pre-requisites.

Workload

Undergraduate exchange students typically take 4-5 classes per semester. Most classes are 3 units (credits) in value.

1 credit/unit = 15 hours of classroom instruction. Be advised that immigration regulations require that undergraduate students take a minimum of 12. Exchange students cannot take more than 17 units because the workload is too heavy and it would not allow students to participate in student life.

Living in San Diego

- **Accommodation**

On-campus housing is the most convenient option for exchange students, and can be applied for, once they have been issued with a student number. The application form and procedure for applying for on-campus housing can be found on the website.

The International Student Center highly recommends that exchange students apply to live in either **Villa Alvarado**, the **International House** (located in Villa Alvarado) or **University Towers**.

Villa Alvarado is an apartment-style residence and suites have a kitchen. Students choosing to live in Villa Alvarado do not have to purchase a meal plan. Students should be prepared to provide their own dishes and cookware.

University Towers is a standard dormitory-style residence with no in-room kitchen. Students choosing to live in University Towers will be required to purchase a meal plan.

There are other on-campus residences but they are not recommended because they require students to sign an 11-month lease or entail other constraints. For more information go to the [Office of Housing and Residence Life](#) website.

Students who prefer to live in off-campus apartments or to rent a room in a private home may refer to the International Student Center webpage for resources.

Off- Campus Accommodation

Many students prefer to live in off-campus apartments or to rent a room in a private home. This is many times a more affordable option than living on-campus. More information about finding off- campus options will be sent to your email once admitted. You may start looking at off-campus resources [here](#).

- **Living Costs:** US\$19,300 for one academic year (9 months)
US\$9,650 for 1 semester (4.5months)
(Food, Housing, Books/Supplies, Personal Expenses)

- **Health Insurance**

Exchange students are REQUIRED to purchase the Health Insurance policy offered through the International Student Center, check link below:

- [Health Insurance Requirements](#)
- [JCB Insurance Solutions](#).

- **Other Information**

- **International Student Center**

The International Student Center acts as an advice point for international students at SDSU, and arranges a calendar of events (including orientation sessions – see below) for them.

- **New Exchange Student Orientation**

Students should plan to arrive at SDSU in time to attend New Exchange Student Orientation (attendance is mandatory,) generally held the Friday before the first day of instruction. The one-day program provides information on housing, visa/immigration matters, health/safety, academics and registration, getting involved on campus, and campus tour.

Students need to make their own arrangements for a place to stay until they are able to move into their permanent housing.

- **International Student Association**

The International Student Association is an on-campus association that also plans and co-ordinates a range of activities to enable SDSU and international students to get to know each other.

- **Travel to San Diego and to SDSU**

Airport nearest San Diego State University

San Diego International Airport (abbreviated SAN, local name is Lindbergh Field.) Arrival at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and ground transfer to San Diego is not recommended, unless necessary, as it can be expensive

- **Transfer to San Diego State University**

Airport pickups can be arranged. Requests for airport pick ups should be e-mailed to Sarah Clinton, Programs Coordinator, sclinton@mail.sdsu.edu, at least three weeks before new exchange student orientation.

[Commercial shuttle service to SDSU](#)

Cloud 9 Shuttle

1-858-974-8885 / 1-800-9-SHUTTLE , 1-800-974-8885)

Approximately \$25.00 one way from the airport to SDS

Next steps if you are successful

1. After the deadline, our Study Abroad Team will assess your application.
2. If you are successful, we will send you a study abroad offer (via e-mail) and will give you some time to think about it. If we cannot offer you any of the three universities you applied for, we will be in touch with alternative options.
3. If you choose to accept the Study Abroad placement, you will be nominated by us to the partner university, after attending a compulsory face to face appointment with the study abroad coordinators.
4. Following the nomination (usually in the Spring), you will have to complete a registration process with the partner university to finalise your acceptance.
5. After you have completed the registration, the host university will send you an official acceptance letter (electronically or via post).
6. You will be informed by the host university about any other deadlines (course selection, accommodation etc.) so do keep an eye on your Aston e-mail.

Visa

Students are currently responsible for showing evidence of funds for a minimum of \$9,650 USD per semester on the Financial Statement Form.

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to study at San Diego State University. You will also be required to obtain a visa to enter the United States and to study at San Diego State University. For further information, see [the website](#) of the US Embassy in London.

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