Student Testimonials

“I wanted to be part of this amazing family [the craft beer industry] … My goals were to learn about the fundamentals of beer and meet more people who were either in the industry or, like me, wanting to get in. … This [program] was the catalyst for defining my business and starting it.”

Joey Jubran, Owner, Hoppy Beer Gear

“After 23 years in corporate America, I simply decided it was time to pursue a passion. … From front-of-the-house insights taught by Dave Adams, to learning how we enjoy and interpret beer by Dr. Bill, all played very important roles in building my business.”

Chris Duncan, Owner, The Brewers Tap Room, Encinitas

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Our Mission
To educate and support the craft beer community — both locally and globally — through a Business of Craft Beer Professional Certificate that advances personal and industry growth.

The SDSU Professional Certificate in the Business of Craft Beer

Level I Certificate
Successfully complete six courses.
*Can be completed in one academic year.

Level II Certificate
Successfully complete nine courses.
(Level I + three courses)
*Can be completed in 1.5 academic years.

Courses
Offerings vary each semester.
Classes are held at SDSU and local breweries.
- Exploring Craft Beer*
- Beer Styles I and II
- Brewery Startup I and II
- Marketing Craft Beer
- Brewing Basics
- Craft Beer and Food Pairing
- Front of the House Management
- The Business of Distribution
- Draught Systems I and II
- Finance
- Beer and Wine: Service and Selling

Professional Advancement
Courses prepare you for the Cicerone® Certified Beer Server Exam and Beer Judge Certification Program.

Sessions & Classes
Sessions are 3–8 weeks, and classes are held once a week, 6–9 pm or Saturdays, 9 am–4 pm.

*Exploring Craft Beer is recommended as the first course in the series and is required for certificate completion.

It is also the prerequisite to these courses: Beer Styles I and II, Brewing Basics, Craft Beer and Food Pairing, and Draught Systems.

*Students who complete the first course will be eligible to take the Cicerone® Exam at a discounted rate of $29. (Regular rate is $69)

Must be 21 or older to participate in SDSU’s Craft Beer programs.

Additional Learning Opportunity

Craft Beer Seminar Series
In addition to the certificate program, students can participate in one-day workshops, taught by guest lecturers and program instructors, covering industry hot topics. Visit the website for details.
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