Regulatory Affairs professionals work to ensure that drugs, biologics, and medical devices are safe and effective for human use and meet regulatory standards set by FDA and international regulatory agencies. If you are a student in the life sciences, this may be the career for you — and a Master’s degree or Advanced Certificate in Regulatory Affairs from SDSU can get you started!

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  - **RA 701** Regulatory Intelligence/Regulatory Strategy
  - **RA 702** Pre-Approval Inspections
  - **RA 703** Introduction to Electronic Submissions
  - **RA 705** Project Planning
  - **RA 750** Leadership for Change and Continuous Improvement
  - **RA 761** Drug/Device Product Development and Regulation in Europe and the US
  - **RA 770** Current Good Manufacturing Practices
  - **RA 772** Post-Approval Activities, Including Advertising, Promotion and Labeling
  - **RA 773** Medical Device Regulations
  - **RA 774** Investigational and Marketing Applications for Drugs and Biologics
  - **RA 775** Clinical Trials
  - **RA 778** Quality Control and Quality Assurance
  - **RA 779** International Regulatory Affairs
  - **RA 781** Ethics for Life Science Professionals
  - **RA 783** Effective Communication for Regulatory Science

- *Course required for RA Advanced Certificate*

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