

# SDSU Imperial Valley Degree Completion Programs FAQs



## **What are the admission requirements for these programs?**

When applying to one of our degree completion programs, you should have 60 or more semester units (90 or more quarter units) completed, along with the minimum GPA requirements and all CSU requirements satisfied. Eligibility to apply for these programs are online. An ADT (Associate Degree for Transfer) is not a requirement for program eligibility. The full admissions requirements for each program can be found on the **SDSU Global Campus website**.

## **When can I apply to these programs? How do I apply to these programs?**

Applications for fall 2021 opened on October 1, 2020 and close on May 15, 2021.

Please email the contacts listed at the end of this document for further information.

## **When can I expect an admission decision?**

Admission decisions will be made within two weeks of the application deadline.

## **What does the Business Degree Completion program offer me?**

SDSU's General Business program provides an overview and fundamental working knowledge of the varied aspects of business. Students receive a broad and generalized understanding of the functions of a business and how the various sub-disciplines within business interact to contribute to the success of an organization. Positions available to graduates with a General Business major are those that require a broad, overarching understanding of the business function.

## **What does the Child Development Degree Completion program offer me?**

SDSU's hybrid B.S. in Child Development program will help you develop the skills you need to shape the future of our communities. The program is driven by research, community-based learning, and above all, a passion for helping our children grow into healthy, productive, and happy adults. Course topics include team-teaching, community networking and engagement, curriculum building, family violence and maltreatment, atypical development, public policy, early intervention skills, and more.

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Essential to your degree is a 120-hour community outreach experience, where you'll work directly with child and family service providers located in the Imperial Valley area. You'll be able to get involved and make a difference while building a foundation for your future career in a variety of fields, including education, social services, public administration, and more.

## May I apply if I have already earned a bachelor's or advanced degree?

No, applications to the online program for a second bachelor's degree are not being accepted at this time.

## How do I determine if I have the required prerequisites for these programs?

Admission requirements for each program are detailed on the **SDSU Imperial Valley Degree Completion Programs** webpage. You may also use **SDSU Tap** or **Assist.org** to determine if you have taken the equivalent prerequisite courses. You can also visit our **Transfer Admissions Information** page.

## Do you accept transfer credits into your programs?

SDSU will accept courses from accredited colleges and universities that are designated as baccalaureate level at the institution where the work was completed. Some courses may be used to meet specific requirements in General Education or the major. Transferable courses that do not meet any specific requirement may be accepted as elective credits. You can find more information on our **Transfer Admissions Information** page.

## How do I apply for financial aid?

Students may apply for financial aid without applying for admission to the University. Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for all types of state and federal aid. Learn more about **how to apply for financial aid**.

## Are these programs accredited?

All of the degree programs and majors at SDSU (in-person and online) are accredited via the WASC Senior College and University Commission. The "WASC Senior College and University Commission" is the regional accrediting agency that serves a diverse membership of public and private higher education institutions throughout California, Hawaii, and the Pacific as well as a number of international institutions.

## Who teaches the classes? Are they SDSU faculty?

Courses in our degree completion programs are team-taught. Faculty who have demonstrated an ability to excel in their regular on-campus teaching assignments prepare all course material using the most current technology and tools. Facilitators who routinely teach the course on-campus or are subject area experts monitor the course's day-to-day delivery. Together, their goal is to bring to you the same rigor and content as on-campus courses.

## How are these programs structured?

These degree completion programs are structured to be flexible and convenient. Courses run in eight-week blocks, so a full-time student can take four courses each term, and still focus on just two in a block

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at any given time. These programs also accommodate students who want to take courses on a part-time basis. Although courses are expected to be completed by the end of the 8-week block in which they are offered, these programs are entirely self-paced, which means that you can either slow down by taking a lighter course load or speed up by taking a heavier course load.

Courses are taught asynchronously, so you'll be able to complete the work on your time when it's convenient for you within the due dates and deliverable dates.

## **How long do I have to complete these programs?**

Although each course is expected to be completed by the end of the 8-week block in which it is offered, these programs are entirely self-paced, which will give you the option of slowing down by taking a lighter course load or speeding up by taking a heavier class load. At this rate, the program can be completed in six terms, or two years.

## **Can I work while completing the program?**

Yes.

## **How much do these programs cost?**

The total estimated cost of our degree completion programs range from \$24,108-\$33,215, depending on the degree earned and the number of units required. Please note that you are also responsible for the costs of required texts and learning materials, as well as incidental fees related to your application for admission and graduation.

Normally, students would also be responsible for fees related to **Writing Placement Assessment (WPA)** testing; however, the WPA requirement has been temporarily waived due to COVID-19. Please visit [wpa.sdsu.edu](http://wpa.sdsu.edu) for up-to-date information on this requirement.

## **Once admitted, may I add another major or minor?**

No additional majors or minors are permitted when taking these degree completion programs.

## **Do these programs result in the same degrees as SDSU's on-campus degree?**

Upon completion of the program, you'll be awarded the same degree that on-campus students receive.

- Child Development: Bachelor of Science in Child Development
- Business: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

The diploma received and transcript will not distinguish that your program was completed online.

## **Will I get to walk in my graduation ceremony at SDSU?**

Yes, you'll have the opportunity to walk in the commencement ceremonies and participate in other SDSU activities.

## **Are international students eligible to apply?**

Not at this time.

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## What grades are required to graduate from these programs?

A minimum GPA of 2.75 for the Business program and 2.40 for the Child Development program is required in the following areas:

- SDSU GPA
- Cumulative GPA
- Major GPA
- Minor GPA

## What kind of disability accommodations will be in place for these programs?

Each student will be authorized for his or her unique set of accommodations based on individual needs. Please consult our **Overview of Services and Accommodations** for more information.

## How is academic integrity maintained in these programs?

All SDSU students are expected to follow standards for student conduct. Dishonesty, to include cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty, are behaviors inconsistent with the university's **Student Code of Conduct**, which is accessible online.

SDSU adheres to a strict policy regarding cheating and plagiarism. Any cheating or plagiarism in a class results in failing that class and the possibility of further disciplinary review. Students in the online program must agree that all required written submissions will be subject to review by **Turnitin.com** for the detection of plagiarism. To uphold the integrity of exams and tests and level the playing field for students who fear that their classmates may be unfairly cheating to get higher grades, students in the online program must also agree to allow the use of a remote

proctoring service when taking assessments.

## What does the SDSU Imperial Valley Degree Completion Program mean for me?

Earning your degree through an SDSU Imperial Valley Degree Completion Program means that you'll have full access to SDSU's online degree completion programs, with courses taught by SDSU faculty. You'll also benefit from on-site\* instructional support, student advising, and other services at SDSU Imperial Valley provided by SDSU Global Campus.

\*In-person components are available virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions. Once restrictions are lifted and in-person education resumes, these services will be provided on your campus.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact:

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