



Transfer Admission Information

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible to apply to the University of San Diego, you are required to be in good standing at your current or most recent institution. Applicants are highly encouraged to have completed a minimum of 24 semester (36 quarter) units* of transferable coursework at a regionally accredited community college or university while maintaining at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA). Admission preference will be given to strong applicants who have far exceeded the minimum unit and GPA requirements, while also having achieved competitive grades in both First-Year Writing and Mathematical Reasoning courses. Please review the **Academic Preparation** section of this form for more information on these requirements, as well as tips for strengthening your admission candidacy.

Application Deadlines:

- Fall Term: March 1
- Spring Term: October 1

Application Requirements:

- Completed Common Application, including:
 - USD Member Questions
 - Personal Essay
 - Application fee of \$55
- Official College Transcript(s)
 - Transcripts are required from all institutions attended
 - All completed and attempted college coursework (including non-academic) must be submitted
- Official Final High School Transcript
 - Or, other proof of high school completion/equivalency
- Academic Letter of Recommendation
 - You must submit at least one academic letter of recommendation from a college professor
- Transfer College Report
- Transfer Midterm Report
 - You are required to submit midterm grades for any coursework in progress at the time of application
 - Your in-progress coursework may be used to count toward the minimum unit requirement recommended for admission eligibility

Academic Preparation:

- When registering for courses at your current institution, we strongly recommend that you refer to USD's **core curriculum requirements** (outlined on the opposite page). It is **NOT** necessary to complete all core curriculum requirements before transferring to USD; however, maintaining a balanced curriculum that is in line with our core curriculum will aid you in completing your USD degree in a timely manner.
- If you have attended or are currently **attending a community college within California**, please reference both your institution's **IGETC** pattern and the table on the reverse side of this form to ensure that your courses will transfer to USD.
- Grade point averages are calculated from all transferable academic courses in all semesters/quarters of college work attempted. There is no maximum number of transferable units that may be accepted, but if admitted, you will be expected to complete your final 30 units at USD (in addition to any remaining core requirements) in order to be awarded a USD degree.
- Courses cannot be counted for dual credit.
- *Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) credits will not count toward the minimum unit requirement. If you previously applied to USD as a first-year candidate and were denied admission, you are required to complete one full year of college classes elsewhere before reapplying as a transfer student.

Understanding the Core Curriculum:

USD's core curriculum reflects our proud history as a liberal arts institution. It ensures all students experience a diversity of perspectives while gaining critical competencies in the realms of critical analysis, philosophical inquiry, global understanding and professional development. With the exception of a few identified areas, the requirements outlined below represent coursework that may be completed prior to attending USD. Once enrolled at USD, additional requirements will exist in the form of integrative learning experiences. Additional information is available at www.sandiego.edu/core.

Core Curriculum Requirements

Competencies		
Subject Area	Requirement	Notes for Preparation
First-Year Writing	3 units	Satisfied by courses outlined in IGETC 1A.
Mathematical Reasoning	3 units	Satisfied by courses outlined in IGETC 2A, excluding statistics.
Second Language	third semester competency	Satisfied by successful completion of a third semester foreign language course. If a third semester has not been completed, competency will be determined by a language proficiency exam upon enrollment at USD.

Foundations		
Subject Area	Requirement	Notes for Preparation
Theological and Religious Inquiry	6 units (3 lower division, 3 upper division)	Lower division requirement must focus on Catholic Christianity. Upper division requirement must be completed at USD.
Philosophical Inquiry	3 units	Any IGETC approved Philosophy Department course, with the exception of courses with a primary focus on ethics, values or logic.
Ethical Inquiry	3 units	Any IGETC approved Philosophy Department course with a primary focus on ethics or values. This may be fulfilled within your major.

Exploring the Liberal Arts		
Subject Area	Requirement	Notes for Preparation
Historical Inquiry	3 units	Satisfied by courses outlined in IGETC 4F: History.
Literary Inquiry	3 units	Any IGETC approved course wholly devoted to literature and literary analysis. No film studies courses.
Artistic Inquiry	3 units	Satisfied by courses outlined in IGETC 3A.
Scientific and Technological Inquiry	3-4 units	Satisfied by courses outlined in IGETC 5. Must include concurrent lab.
Social and Behavioral Inquiry	3 units	Satisfied by courses outlined in IGETC 4, excluding area 4F: History.

Enhanced Skills (Flagged Courses*)		
Subject Area	Requirement	Notes for Preparation
Advanced Writing	3 units (upper division)	This requirement may be fulfilled within your major. Must be completed at USD.
Oral Communication	3 units	Satisfied by courses outlined in IGETC 1C. This requirement may be fulfilled within your major.
Quantitative Reasoning	3 units	Satisfied by courses outlined in IGETC 2A that focus on statistics. This requirement may be fulfilled within your major.
Diversity, Inclusion, Social Justice	6 units	This requirement may be fulfilled within your major. Transferability will be determined by learning outcomes, not content alone.

*Flagged courses are courses that may provide credit toward your major while also satisfying a core requirement. These courses are intended to enhance your academic experience with supplemental skills valued by organizations and employers.

Recommended Business Preparation

(For prospective business majors ONLY)

Subject Area	Requirement	Notes for Preparation
Calculus	3 units	We encourage transfer students interested in the USD School of Business to work toward satisfying these courses, which are foundational requirements across USD's business majors. Calculus is especially encouraged. Students who plan to major in Accountancy and will transfer to USD after their first year at a community college should wait to take Financial and Managerial Accounting at USD.
Macroeconomics	3 units	
Microeconomics	3 units	
Financial Accounting	3 units	
Managerial Accounting	3 units	