



TRANSFER ADMISSION INFORMATION

The University of San Diego welcomes applications for transfer admission from students who have completed at least 24 semester (36 quarter) units* from an accredited community college or university. Each applicant is given careful, individual consideration. Personal qualities and experiences are recognized for admission consideration. A well-written essay, a strong recommendation, and extracurricular involvement can make a difference in the selection process, but will not compensate for inadequate academic preparation.

Applicants who adhere to the following guidelines will have greater opportunity for favorable consideration:

1. Admission is highly selective. As a result, please submit your application as early as possible.

The deadline is October 1st for the Spring Semester and March 1st for the Fall Semester.

2. It is **NOT** necessary to complete all core curriculum requirements before transferring to USD. **However, we expect competitive transfer applicants to have successfully completed English Composition & Literature and College Algebra before applying for admission.** We also ask that transfer applicants present a balanced curriculum including courses in science, art, humanities, and the social sciences.

3. To be given admission consideration, transfer applicants are expected to have **at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average with a minimum of 24 semester (36 quarter) units** of transferable college work.

*a) If you apply with **fewer** than 24 semester (36 quarter) units or with just your first semester of college work, you will be **required** to wait until the completion of your current semester and submit your grades before a decision can be made.

b) If you have completed 24 semester (36 quarter) units by the time we receive your application, we may also ask you to submit your current semester grades upon the completion of the semester.

c) Please note, online courses are non-transferable to the University of San Diego

In summary, those applicants who possess well above 24 semester (36 quarter) units, a 3.0 cumulative GPA and competitive grades in English Composition & Literature and College Algebra will have preference for admission.

4. Grade point averages are calculated from all transferable academic courses in all semesters/quarters of college work attempted. There is no maximum number of units transferable but all students are expected to complete their final 30 units from USD in order to be awarded a USD degree. College transcripts for all completed, as well as **all attempted** work must be submitted as part of the admissions process. **In order to facilitate your admission decision, mid-term grades will be required for the term in progress (form is included in the Common Application).**

5. An official final high school transcript or an equivalency diploma must be submitted with application materials. SAT or ACT scores are not required for transfer applicants with more than 24 semester (36 quarter) units of transferable college level work.

6. Transfer applicants are required to be in good standing at their current or most recent institution. **Applicants who applied to USD as freshman candidates and who were denied admission cannot reapply as a transfer student** until one full year of college work is completed even if the prospective applicant has 24 semester (36 quarter) transferable units after one semester.

USD Core Curriculum Requirements

Interested students should contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to verify the transferability of courses for the purpose of admission. Final determination of transferability is the responsibility of the Academic Dean and Transfer Analyst *after* admitted students have submitted a deposit for enrollment. Articulation agreements are available online for all San Diego and some Southern California community colleges. We highly encourage you to consult these agreements prior to signing up for your courses. Agreements are found at

http://www.sandiego.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply/requirements//articulation_agreements.php.

I. Indispensable Competencies:

A. English Composition & Literature:	lower division-3 units upper division-3 units
B. College Algebra or higher level math:	3 units
C. Logic:	3 units
D. Second Language:	third semester competency

II. Traditions:

A. Theology and Religious Studies:	lower division-6 units upper division-3 units
B. Philosophy:	lower division-3 units upper division-3 units

Please note: Students with 60-89.5 transferable units are only required to take 3 lower division and 3 upper division units of theology and religious studies at USD. Students with 90+ transferable units are only required to take 3 upper division units of theology and religious studies and 3 upper division units of ethics or applied ethics course at USD.

III. Horizons:

A. Humanities and Fine Arts:	
1. History	3 units
2. Literature (in any language)	3 units
3. Fine Arts (Art, Music, Theater)	3 units
B. Natural Sciences (<i>one course must include a lab</i>):	
1. Physical Science	3-4 units
2. Life Science	3-4units
C. Social Sciences:	
1. Anthropology, Psychology or Sociology	3 units
2. Economics, Political Science or Communication	3 units
D. Diversity of Human Experience:	3 units

Business Preparation ONLY

In addition to the core curriculum, transfer students who wish to major in accounting, business administration, or business economics may begin work on the following prerequisites:

A. Economics:	
1. Macroeconomics	3 units
2. Microeconomics	3 units
B. Accounting:	
1. Financial Accounting	3 units
2. Managerial Accounting	3 units
C. Calculus:	3 units
D. Information Systems:	3 units

Please note: Business course equivalents for San Diego community colleges and some southern California community colleges are also available on our Web site.