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From: Stefan Hyman, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management
To: April Grommo, California State University Office of the Chancellor
Re: Preliminary Impaction Changes for 2025-26
Date: January 19, 2024

Summary of Changes

SDSU is seeking to adjust the impaction criteria for several academic programs. This memo provides a concise summary of the changes and the rationales for them.

Kinesiology - Fitness Specialist

This change removes PHYS 182A (1 unit) from the impaction criteria. The class will still be a degree requirement, but will not be required as a condition for acceptance into the major. This change is intended to expedite student admission into the major.

Kinesiology - Pre-Physical Therapy

This change removes PHYS 180B (3 units) and PHYS 182B (1 unit) from the impaction criteria. The classes will still be degree requirements, but will not be required as a condition for acceptance into the major. This change is intended to expedite student admission into the major.

Nursing

Current impaction criteria requires students to earn minimum grades of B- in biology classes, and minimum grades of C in all other major preparation classes. Under this impaction revision, minimum grades of C will be required in all major preparation classes. This is intended to expedite access to the major for pre-majors, standardize minimum grades, and decrease student confusion.

Liberal Studies

Current impaction criteria requires students to earn minimum grades of C in all major preparation classes. The requested update will now only require minimum grades of C in two mathematics courses, allowing students to complete other major preparation classes with lower passing grades.



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Communication and Health Communication

Current impaction criteria requires students to earn both a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and a GPA of 2.75 in major preparation courses. This change removes a required average minimum GPA for major preparation courses, and is intended to enable more access to the major and expedited major declaration.

Theatre Arts - Performance Emphasis

Under current impaction criteria, students must complete THEA 111 with a grade of B or better. This change will reduce the minimum course grade to C or better, aligning grade requirements with other major preparation classes.

Television, Film and New Media - Production Emphasis

Under current impaction criteria, students must complete THEA 100 and TFM 160 with grades of B or better. This change will reduce the minimum course grades to C or better, aligning grade requirements with other major preparation classes. Additionally, current criteria require applicants to submit a personal statement to be evaluated by the faculty; two letters of recommendation to be evaluated by the faculty; samples of visual creative work; and a treatment for a 1-3 minute production (fiction or nonfiction). These requirements are replaced with a portfolio acceptance.