



San Diego State University

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To: April Grommo, California State University Office of the Chancellor
Re: Preliminary Impaction Changes for 2026-27
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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.

Art History

This change adds a 3-unit course, ART 104: Artists and Designers in Real Time as a prerequisite for admission to our upper-division major. The course is already required as a prerequisite for other art majors.

Astronomy

This change adds a 3-unit course, ASTR 101: Principles of Astronomy as a prerequisite for admission to our upper-division major. An equivalency for the course is already typically required of community college students enrolled in astronomy tracks and we do not foresee it impacting transfer admission rates.

Criminal Justice

The program is reducing the number of required units from 12 to 9 and changing several prerequisite courses. Students with an approved ADT are waived from the two criminal justice classes (though they typically have taken equivalencies already).

Environmental Sciences

The program is reducing the number of required prerequisite units from 36 to 31. Several courses in biology, physics and calculus are being phased out as requirements, while three courses in geological sciences are being added.

Geological Sciences

The program has several emphases with different prerequisite requirements. Similar to Environmental Sciences, the number of units required are being reduced, with several alterations in specific prerequisites.

Integrated Design

This is a new elevated major that will combine material from two existing SDSU majors, which are being phased out (multimedia and graphic design). The impaction criteria will reduce the number of units from existing programs from 30 to 24, with several changes in prerequisite courses. Specifically, three courses are removed (ART 241: Graphic Design, ART 102: Drawing II, & ART 242: Typography), and one course is added (ART 103: Three Dimensional Design)

Interior and Architectural Design

This is a new elevated major that will replace SDSU's current Art, Emphasis in Interior Architecture major. The impaction criteria retains 24 units of major prep, with ART 148 removed and ART 240 added.



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Psychology

The program is removing biology as a prerequisite for advancement to the upper-division major. This will enable students to begin enrolling in 300-level courses sooner and shorten time to graduation.

Public Administration

The program is reducing the number of prerequisite units from 21 to 9 and changing the pre-major required courses. In lieu of students enrolling numerous economics and business courses, students will instead select one course from a set of humanities and social sciences options, enroll in PA 200: The Urban Scene, and enroll in one statistics course.

Television, Film and New Media - Production Emphasis

Last year, the program submitted an impaction change to add a portfolio as a requirement for admission. This new proposal is intended to notify stakeholders that effective with fall 2026 admissions, a portfolio will be required from first-year applicants during the initial application process. The intent is to increase persistence rates, as historically, a significant proportion of students entering SDSU in this pre-major have not successfully gained acceptance to the upper-division major.