


New Incoming UC San Diego First Year Students



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Connect with Summer Session about the many options for summer courses! This guide is specific to students interested in taking classes outside of a structured summer program before they start in the Fall. Read below for things to consider.

-  **Can you commit at least four hours each day for attending class, homework, and studying?** Summer classes move fast and require that you invest many hours each week. Missing class (including due to travel) will have a direct impact on completing courses and your grades.
-  **Are you comfortable talking with professors?** Be prepared to engage with your instructors and teaching assistants. Classes may be much larger than your past course experiences.
-  **Do you have reliable computer and internet access?** You will need daily access to a computer for lectures, Canvas, email, homework, and quizzes.
 - Visit library.ucsd.edu/computing-and-technology to explore options at the campus library.
-  **How are your time management skills?** You will need to keep up with deadlines without reminders from parents or teachers.
-  **Do you have reliable and consistent transportation available to you to commute to campus?** Consider a remote course if you cannot guarantee in-person attendance for every session. Instructors are not required to accommodate remote or hybrid preferences for in-person classes.
 - Visit summersession.ucsd.edu/campus-services for information about housing, commuting to campus, and campus support outside of the classroom.
-  **Do you understand how Summer course grades impact your Financial Aid for Fall quarter?** Students who enroll in Summer courses but do not complete them and earn a minimum 2.0 GPA in the Summer will need to complete a financial aid appeal to be eligible for aid for the 2025-26 academic year. Visit summersession.ucsd.edu/tuition/financial-aid.html for tuition and financial aid information.
-  **Are you an international student?** Consider [full-time enrollment requirements](#) if you plan to enroll in courses while physically located in the United States. International students who wish to enter the U.S. on an F-1 or J-1 visa to enroll in Summer Session must enroll full-time and enroll in courses offered primarily through in-person instruction. Note, students must also indicate when requesting their F-1 Form I-20 or J-1 Form DS-2019 of their amended summer session start date. If you need guidance, contact ISEO at iContact.ucsd.edu.