

Extended Studies Made Simple

Our mission at the SDSU College of Extended Studies is to extend educational resources to life-long learners of the local and global community. We do this by offering a sweeping breadth of courses and programs for individuals seeking to enrich their lives and careers outside the traditional scope of the university.

Think of Extended Studies as a university for non-university students. These first-rate courses and programs are available to everyone and enrollment at SDSU is not required. Every year, more than 25,000 people worldwide successfully complete Extended Studies courses at SDSU.

Extended Studies courses accommodate flexible scheduling with evening, weekend and online courses. In addition, classes are offered at business locations with our on-site training program. [Click here for the complete course and program listing.](#)

Individuals enroll in Extended Studies classes for various reasons, the three most prominent being *personal enrichment*, *career advancement*, and *higher education*.

Enrich Your Life

Extended Studies offers many enrichment programs for those interested in developing a hobby, exploring new interests, or traveling abroad.

- At [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute](#) people 50 and older can pursue a breadth courses from *Writing Your Memoir* to *A Week in the Life of JFK*.
- [Summer Teen Academy](#) collaborates with Sony and the Fox network to provide high school students with hands on experience in video game design and broadcasting.
- [Test Preparation Services](#) are offered for standardized exams like the SAT, GRE, and the LSAT.
- [Study Abroad](#) in Paris, or learn criminal justice in Moscow. No SDSU enrollment required.
- [Online Personal Enrichment](#) courses cater to all types of interests and schedules.

Advance Your Career

The bulk of Extended Studies classes are tailored to working adults seeking to advance their career, complete continuing education hours, or explore new career options altogether.

- Extended Studies offers 35 [Certificate Programs](#) in fields ranging from green industry careers, to casino gaming, to sales and marketing.
- [Professional Science Programs](#) prepare veterans and active duty military for jobs in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device industries.

- [Career Development](#) courses and programs are custom-designed for corporate professionals seeking to improve their business.
- [Teacher Training and Development](#) programs help educators committed to advancement in their field.
- [On-Site Training](#) courses offer a custom corporate education. With the help of skilled instructors, the workplace becomes the classroom.

Achieve Higher Education

Many Extended Studies courses can earn university credit for students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree. The College of Extended Studies also offers additional opportunities for degree-seeking individuals.

- [Masters Degrees](#) are available through the College of Extended Studies in the fields of biotechnology, educational technology, and professional science.
- Through the [Open University](#) program, non-students may attend regular SDSU classes for credit.

Financial Aid Opportunities

Various types of financial assistance are available, such as company tuition reimbursement, military financial aid, SDSU financial aid, and others.

In keeping with our mission to extend educational resources to the community, San Diego State University's College of Extended Studies is making use of a \$400,000 financial aid grant to provide free education for 250 unemployed and underemployed individual seeking enrollment in the Health Care Education and Career Readiness program.

Learn more financial aid eligibility [here](#).