



The GAP
(Graduate Advisers Publication)
December 2011

*The Graduate and Research Affairs office will be closed
Monday December 26th through Monday January 2nd,
Our regular hours will begin on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012*

THESIS DEADLINES

December 16TH – Noon Deadline

The noon deadline is for final clearance by Montezuma Publishing *assuring* fall 2011 graduation.
NOTE: If you do not meet this deadline; you will need to reapply for spring 2012 graduation.

December 30th – Noon Deadline

This is the final day to submit thesis to Montezuma Publishing for review without having to enroll in Thesis 799B the following semester. You will still need to reapply for spring 2012 graduation if you did not meet the December 16th deadline listed above.

OTHER DEADLINES

December 9th

This is the final day for departments to submit a Report of Final Examination for the Master's Degree.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

SPRING 2012

The File Completion deadline for spring applicants was November 15th. Students whose files have not completed at this point are being withdrawn.

The Graduate Admissions staff is in the process of evaluating all completed files and sending them out to the departments for review. In anticipation of the holiday break, please have all RDR's back by December 15th.

FALL 2012

Those programs that are part of the **Priority Cycle** will close for admission on Thursday, December 15th. All programs on the Regular Cycle will remain open until February 1st.

E-mail reminders to students who have incomplete files continue to be sent out every three weeks.

REVISED GRE

We are now receiving the Revised GRE scores. A concordance chart which shows the relationship between the new and old scores can be found at the following link:

http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance_information.pdf.

ETS has been sending Graduate Admissions two hard copies of GRE scores, one for our office and one for the departments. Departmental copies are being sent by Graduate Admissions and do not need to be sent back to us, these are your copies.

GPA Calculations

Recently there have been some questions regarding how we calculate an applicant's GPA. Effective fall 2009, Graduate Admissions began using the new admission standards established by an amendment to Title 5, Section 41000. The changes introduced additional criteria to be used to qualify applicants for admission into a campus as a post-baccalaureate student or graduate student.

The revision maintains the requirements that applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution and that the applicant was in good academic standing at the last institution attended. However, additional criteria allows Graduate Admissions to evaluate eligibility by confirming that the student either holds a graduate degree (from a regionally accredited institution) or has earned at least a 2.85 minimum GPA in their baccalaureate degree. These changes allow students who have excelled as undergraduate, as evidenced by their overall GPA, to be admitted without any additional calculations. The changes to Title 5 still provide an option to nontraditional students by allowing us to evaluate the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units and allow admission by special action as decided by the appropriate campus authority.

Title 5, California Code of Regulations

Article 8 – Admission of Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate Students

41000. Admission to Post-Baccalaureate Standing

An applicant may be admitted to a campus, if the applicant satisfies each of the following lettered requirements:

- A. The applicant holds an acceptable baccalaureate degree earned at an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association, or the applicant has completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by the appropriate campus authority: and
- B. The applicant has satisfied any one of the following three numbered conditions:

1. The applicant has attained an overall grade point average of at least a 2.85 in an acceptable earned baccalaureate degree;
2. The applicant has attained a grade point average of at least a 2.85 in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted;
3. The applicant holds an acceptable post-baccalaureate degree earned at an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association;

C. And the applicant was in good standing at the last institution attended.

Thesis Q & A sessions from Montezuma Publishing

We've set the dates for the Spring Thesis Q&A sessions. We'll be doing two weeks worth to start; if we get a lot of interest we could be open to add additional sessions. Can you add the dates to the next GAP? And also have an email sent out to the students? Thanks!

Montezuma Publishing is offering Thesis Q&A sessions for Spring on the following dates:

Monday, February 6th – 3:00pm
Tuesday, February 7th – 10:00am
Wednesday, February 8th – 10:00am
Thursday, February 9th – 3:00pm

Monday, February 13th – 3:00pm
Tuesday, February 14th – 10:00am
Wednesday, February 15th – 10:00am
Thursday, February 16th – 3:00pm

Register for a session by calling 619-594-7551 between the hours of 8:30am - 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. **Space is limited, students must register to attend.**

We encourage students graduating in Spring or Summer 2012 to attend. These sessions will address deadlines, tips on formatting, the review process, and publishing requirements. Sessions will last approximately 30-45 minutes. Sessions will be held in Montezuma's office (IT 104).

Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program **Applications 2012-2013**

<http://www.calstate.edu/hr/cdip/>

The Chancellors Doctoral Incentive Program

The purpose of this program is to increase the number of promising doctoral students who are interested in applying and competing for future instructional faculty positions at any one of our 23 CSU campuses. The program seeks to accomplish this goal by providing financial aid in the form of loans to doctoral students with the motivation, skills, and experience needed to teach the diverse student body of the CSU.

- Loans of up to \$10,000 per year & up to a total of \$30,000 within 5 years are available at a low interest rate
- If the recipient is hired at a CSU campus as a tenure track faculty member, for each year of service, 20% of their loan is forgiven

- This program requires a CSU faculty mentor sponsor for each student
- New or continuing students who will be in doctoral programs at accredited universities anywhere in the United States during the 2012-2013 academic year may apply
- **Current SDSU faculty lecturers seeking a doctoral degree are also eligible to apply**

The deadline for SDSU applications is **March 5, 2012**.

All details of this loan program as well as an application request can be found at:
<http://www.calstate.edu/hr/cdip/>

For more information regarding this program please contact jroddgers@mail.sdsu.edu

Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Program
Application 2012-013
<http://www.calstate.edu/PreDoc/index.shtml>

The Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the diversity of the pool of potential university faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of individuals who are:

- Current upper division or graduate students in the CSU
- Economically and educationally disadvantaged
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Leaders of tomorrow

Graduate students interested in doctoral programs are given the opportunity to explore doctoral study with a cash award of \$2000 and \$1000 to the faculty mentor. This money can be used for travel expenses to prospective universities, conferences, taking the GRE, attending seminars, subscriptions to publications, etc. (award does not affect financial aid)

Students who receive this award are given the opportunity to participate in one of University of California's summer research internship programs or possibly one of their choices at another university during the summer of 2013. Funding for the summer research internship covers 8-10 weeks generally beginning in June and ending in August. The award amount is agreed upon between the institution and the Pre-Doctoral Program Office. Funding generally covers housing, meals, transportation, and program participation costs that are deemed reasonable for the institution. A separate stipend is also awarded to the scholar, dependent upon available budget.

Applications are available [on-line](#) and must be submitted to the Graduate and Research Affairs office by **March 12, 2012**.

For more information regarding this program please contact jroddgers@mail.sdsu.edu

Transfer Units

Notice regarding Open University and Special Session Courses:

Transfer units include any courses brought in from another institution, as well as courses taken by non-matriculated students through Open University and Special Session toward master's degree credit. For most masters's degree programs, the maximum transferable course units is 9; including courses taken through the College of Extended Studies. **Courses taken through Open University and Special Sessions prior to matriculation will count towards the maximum transferable units allowed in a master's degree.**



The MyGAP program continues to generate tremendous interest from thousands of prospective graduate students. While many of our graduate programs are utilizing the *personalized auto-generated response letters* to communicate with future Aztecs, we know that a significant number are still **not taking advantage** of this simple, effective, and entirely free recruitment tool.

For more information on how to maximize the potential of MyGAP for your program, please contact Janet Rodgers at 4-5215 or jrodgers@mail.sdsu.edu

[Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education](#)

The Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education will be hosted by San Diego State University on Saturday, April 14, 2012.

The Forum is the largest minority-oriented graduate and professional school forum held in the United States. Approximately 1200-1400 hand picked students with GPA's no lower than 3.0 will be in attendance. Attendance at the Forum is by invitation only with **Southern California UC/CSU/private universities** selecting their delegations of students on the basis of demonstrated promise of success in master's degree and doctoral-level work, GPA's and faculty recommendations.

There will be over 150 major universities recruiting and close to 200 programs represented from across the nation. Registration for recruiters opens in January on the web site below:
<http://www.ucop.edu/forum-for-diversity/recruiters/information>

SDSU will be inviting qualified students to attend this forum via an email invitation. If you have students you wish to attend and/or want more information, please contact Janet Rodgers jrodgers@mail.sdsu.edu

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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