

## SDSU Credential Program Prerequisite Coursework

Although the Liberal Studies Office is *not* the appropriate place to receive credential program advising, we've put together the following information to help Liberal Studies students plan their undergraduate course work in preparation for entrance into a credential program at SDSU. Please note the following important points:

- The official advising office for SDSU credential program issues is the **SDSU College of Education Office of Advising and Outreach, EBA 259**. Information can also be found on the web at <http://coe.sdsu.edu/ceac/>.
- The information provided here was taken from SDSU College of Education catalog information as of **July, 2011**, and is subject to change.
- This information applies only to San Diego State. Credential program prerequisites at different schools are likely to be very different – consult a website or counselor affiliated with the school of your choice for more information about that school's prerequisites.

### **MULTIPLE SUBJECTS, REGULAR EDUCATION**

Program: multiple subjects credential (regular education)

Department: Teacher Education, EBA-255 <http://coe.sdsu.edu/STE/>

Prerequisites *not* included in the Liberal Studies major (5 units):

- ED 451 (3 units)
- SPED 450 (2 units) (students pursuing the Special Ed Credential Option (#3) in the Literacy Focus should check with Teacher Education to see *if* SPED 500\* can substitute)

\*This class can also be applied towards the Special Ed Credential Option (#3) in the Literacy Focus

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Program: K-12 special education credential

Department: Special Education, NE-70 <http://coe.sdsu.edu/SPED/>

Prerequisites *not* included in the Liberal Studies major (16 units):

- SPED 500\*\* (3 units)
- SPED 501\*\* (3 units)
- SPED 502\*\* (1 unit)
- SPED 524 or 525 or 528, depending on emphasis – see SPED Department (3 units)
- SPED 527 (3 units)
- PLC 915C (3 units)

\*\*These classes can also be applied towards the Special Ed Credential Option (#3) in the Literacy Focus

### **BILINGUAL EDUCATION**

Program: multiple subjects credential with bilingual authorization

Department: Policy Studies, EBA-248 <http://coe.sdsu.edu/PLC/>

Prerequisites *not* included in the Liberal Studies major (12 units):

- PLC 415 (3 units)\*\*\*^+
- PLC 515 (3 units)
- ED 451 (3 units)
- SPED 500 (3 units) [SPED 450 can substitute if already taken]

\*\*\*this class is only for students interested in English/Spanish bilingual certification; students interested in English/Arabic, English/Japanese, English/Mandarin or English/Tagalog certification must take a test, instead.

^this class can be applied to the Bilingual Ed Credential Option (#2) in the Literacy Focus

+this class includes field experience

**LIBERAL STUDIES MAJORS:  
PREPARING TO ENTER A CREDENTIAL PROGRAM  
AT SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY\***

Credential programs are administered by the SDSU College of Education. The process of transitioning from the undergraduate Liberal Studies major to a credential program needs to begin at least one year before you plan to graduate. First, pick up information from the **Office of Advising and Outreach in Education and Business Administration, Room 259** or visit their website at <http://coe.sdsu.edu/ceac/>. See reverse for details regarding prerequisites.)

*This process involves several steps and costs money. Start early. Read carefully.*

1. **Take and pass the CBEST examination.** <http://www.cbest.nesinc.com/>. Application booklets and information about preparation workshops are in EBA 259. The test fee is approximately \$50.00.
2. **Pass your Liberal Studies 498 assessment (\$45.00).** You must pass both the content and writing portions of the assessment to graduate.
3. **Take and pass the CSET.** <http://www.cset.nesinc.com/>. Test booklets are available in EBA 259. Cliffs Study Guide is available in the Liberal Studies office and the Reserve Book room of the library. The cost is approximately \$70.00 per subtest (three subtests). Scores are valid for five years.
4. **Apply for graduation (\$55.00).** See the Class Schedule under Graduation Filing Deadlines. The earliest dates to apply are July 1 for the following May or August graduation and February 1 for the following December graduation. **APPLY RIGHT AWAY** when the application period opens – don't wait.
5. **Apply for Certificate of Clearance.** <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/materials.html>. Details can also be obtained from a College of Education advisor in EBA 259. **BEGIN THIS PROCESS EARLY**
6. **Reapply to the CSU** using the CSU's online application system. You can begin with SDSU's site: <http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions/apply.html> (\$55.00). (Because you exit the university when you are graduated, you must be readmitted.) If you intend to complete prerequisite courses during the summer after a May graduation, it is sometimes more economical to delay graduation until August so you will be able to take those courses as an undergraduate and pay undergraduate fees.
7. **Apply to the Credential Program.** Once you have applied to CSU, you should visit the College of Ed's website to apply online. Start with <http://coe.sdsu.edu/admissions/graduate/>. You'll want to be sure to attend a group workshop and **complete the prerequisites** for your program of choice (see reverse).

**THE FOLLOWING TABLE SUMMARIZES THE ABOVE INFORMATION WITH A TIMELINE:**

	<b>Action Needed</b>	<b>May Graduation</b>	<b>August Graduation</b>	<b>December Graduation</b>	<b>Check when completed</b>
1.	Take CBEST	One year prior	One year prior	One year prior	
2.	Pass LS 498	Fall semester	Spring semester	Spring or summer	
3.	Begin to take CSET	9 months prior	9 months prior	9 months prior	
4.	Apply to graduate	beginning July 1	beginning July 1	beginning February 1	
5.	Apply for Certificate of Clearance	December	December	August	
6.	Reapply to SDSU	January	January	**January	
7.	Apply for credential	January	January	**January	

\*If you plan to enroll in a credential program at another university, you should contact that institution (or consult its website) and acquaint yourself thoroughly with its requirements, application process, timing, and prerequisites.

\*\*The SDSU credential programs are only accepting new students for Fall admission now (no Spring admission)