

At a Glance Applications

Requirements

Statement of Research Interests

A statement of your research interests and professional goals. You should indicate links between your research interests and those of faculty members within the department as well as with other research in the field, where appropriate. You should also provide the name(s) of at least one (and up to three) SDSU Geography faculty members who would be suitable program advisors. You are encouraged to contact potential faculty advisors in advance of application to discuss your research interests and potential fit with their areas of expertise.

GRE Test and TOEFL

Preferred minimum combined score of 307. San Diego State's institution code is 4682. TOEFL required for international students whose native tongue is not English.

Three Letters of Recommendation

From faculty or employers who know and can comment on your abilities.

Official Transcripts

Transcripts from all universities attended. Official transcripts are sent directly to the University. An undergraduate grade point average of 3.25 or higher for the last 60 semester units taken (90 quarter units), and/or a graduate grade point average of 3.50 or higher is required.

A C.V. or Resumé

For more information about the application process, please visit the department's webpage:
http://geography.sdsu.edu/Programs/PhD/p_apply.html

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About Us

The Joint Doctoral Program began in 1991 and since its inception has awarded more than 50 doctoral degrees. For a list of alumni positions, please visit the Ph.D. Alumni page:
http://geography.sdsu.edu/Programs/PhD/p_alumni.html



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Geography Joint Doctoral Program



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Leadership Starts Here

San Diego State University (SDSU)
University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)

Highlights of the Program



Close Working Relationship with Faculty from two Dynamic Universities

Students have access to a large and diverse set of faculty from SDSU and UCSB, providing exposure to more perspectives and approaches to geography than in most settings.



Impressive Facilities

Both departments boast a wide array of laboratories specializing in qualitative geography, visualization, computing, and physical geography. SDSU also has a dedicated technical staff to assist with research and equipment needs.



Numerous Opportunities for Research

The Geography Department at SDSU is home to five centers: CICS (Center for Information Convergence and Strategy), HDMA (Human Dynamics in the Mobile Age), the International Population Center, CESAR (Center for Earth Systems Analysis Research), and ISYS (Interdisciplinary Studies of Youth and Space).



Financial Assistance

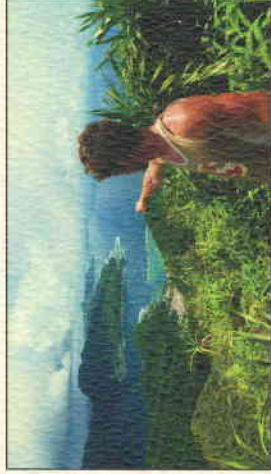
Roughly 90% of joint doctoral students receive stipends, paid tuition, and full benefits for four years. This typically includes medical, dental, eye care, 401k, and life insurance.

About the Program

Systems (GIS), Remote Sensing and Image Processing, Visualization and Visual Data Mining and Spatial Decision Support Systems and Participatory GIS.

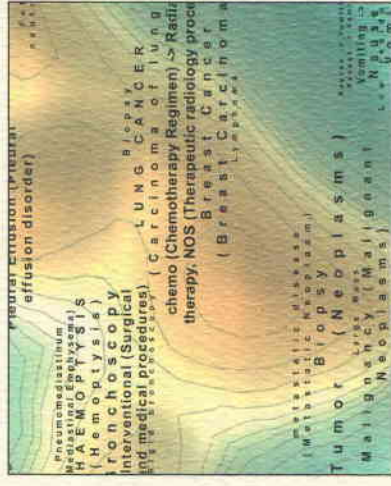
The JDP provides the essential education, technical training, and creative experience necessary for high-levels of professional activity and university-level research and teaching.

The JDP is built around a group of systematic areas of geographic scholarship and inquiry, including Human Geography (Urban, Social, and Political Geography), Environmental Geography (Society and



Environment, and Watershed/Ecosystems Analysis), Physical Geography (Biogeography, Climatology, Hydrology and Landscape Ecology) and Geographic Information Science and Technology.

In addition, doctoral students in the JDP are trained in a series of spatial analytical methods and techniques, including Spatial Statistics, Qualitative Methods and Ethnographic and Fieldwork-based Approaches, Cartography and Internet Mapping, Geocomputation and Spatial Modeling, Geographic Information



Students in our JDP are required to take two common core courses: Geography 700 (Seminar in Geographic Research Design) and Geography 701 (Seminar in Development of Geographic Thought). No specified number of courses beyond core courses is required for the doctoral degree. However, students are expected to have a broad understanding of modern geographic principles in addition to a specialist's competence in their own sub-field. Please note that students in the joint doctoral program must spend at least one academic year in full-time residence on each of the two campuses.

