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## THE MASTER'S DEGREE AT SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE

### PURPOSE OF THE DEGREE

The master of arts degree is offered at San Diego State College for teaching, counseling, supervisory and administrative service in public schools, and for teaching and supervisory service in other institutions. Students receiving the degree (1) must hold a valid regular day school service California credential other than an emergency or provisional credential; or (2) be a foreign citizen preparing to teach in foreign countries; or (3) be a licensed teacher from another state and have one year of experience; or (4) be an approved applicant preparing to teach or supervise in institutions not requiring teaching credentials.

### ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE

Admission to the college for graduate study may be granted to applicants who have regularly applied and have filed official transcripts at the Office of Admissions as evidence of their possession of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. (Two transcripts must be filed by students who expect to become master's degree candidates.) *Graduate Special Status* is granted to those who are provisionally admitted to graduate study. It is given to a student (1) who has not completed all admission procedures required for graduate status and (2) to a student whose bachelor's degree was earned at an unaccredited college. A student from an unaccredited college will be eligible for graduate status when he has earned a grade point average of 1.5 on 12 or more units of approved upper division work at this college and has cleared all undergraduate deficiencies.

### ADMISSION TO GRADUATE COURSES

Admission to graduate courses requires *graduate status* and the meeting of specific prerequisites. A graduate student who may be permitted to enter a graduate course pending *full graduate status* will be given only upper division credit if *graduate status* is not achieved by the end of the term in which the course is given.

### ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY

A candidate for the master's degree must apply for admission to candidacy at the Graduate Office. A student should apply during the first term in attendance as a graduate. He should apply during the first four weeks of the fall or spring semester and during the first week of the summer term. Admission cannot be completed, however, until the student has earned 12 units as a graduate student at San Diego State College, or six units if his undergraduate grade point average at San Diego State College was 1.5 or better.

To be eligible for admission to candidacy, each student must

1. Earn and maintain a grade point average of 2.0 on all work taken after receiving the bachelor's degree.



2. Satisfactorily complete the following:
  - a. Scholastic aptitude test for graduates;
  - b. Scholastic achievement test;
  - c. Such departmental tests as may be required.
3. Receive approval of candidate's major department.
4. File with the Graduate Office a complete program of study which has been approved by his adviser.

#### CREDIT BY TRANSFER

A maximum of six units of graduate work may be transferred from another accredited institution when approved at the Graduate Office and by the major department.

#### UNITS REQUIRED

A minimum of 30 units of approved graduate work is required beyond the bachelor's degree. Ten of these units must be earned in courses numbered 200-299. Students working concurrently toward a graduate credential likely will find it necessary to complete more than 30 units to secure both the degree and the credential.

#### TIME LIMIT

Thirty units must be completed within the seven-year period immediately preceding the date when all of the requirements for the degree are completed. For justifiable reasons, the college may extend this period. Twelve units of work must be earned after admission to candidacy.

#### RESIDENCE

Twenty-four units in residence are required. Courses taken prior to the Summer Session of 1946 at San Diego State College may *not* be used as graduate work. Extension and correspondence courses are not applicable to the degree.

#### SCHOLASTIC AVERAGE

A candidate must earn and maintain a grade point average of 2.0 (B) in all work taken after receiving the bachelor's degree. Only grades of A, B, and C are acceptable toward the master's degree. (Marking system: Grade of A, 3 grade points; B, 2 grade points; C, 1 grade point; D, 0 grade points.)

#### TEACHING CREDENTIAL

To receive the degree, a student must (1) complete the requirements for an approved California teaching credential, or hold one, such as the general elementary, general secondary, junior high, special secondary, and school psychometrist credentials; or (2) he must be a foreign citizen preparing to teach in a foreign country; or (3) be a licensed teacher in another state, with one year of experience; or (4) be preparing to teach or supervise in an institution which does not require a credential.

#### THE DEGREE PROGRAM

The candidate's degree program as approved by the Graduate Council must be satisfactorily completed. As indicated above, this program must be filed in the Graduate Office at the time of admission to candidacy.

#### MAJORS OFFERED FOR THE DEGREE

Majors are offered in four general areas as follows:

##### Teaching Majors:

Business education, chemistry, English, foreign language (Romance Language: French and Spanish), health and physical education, history, life science (botany and zoology), physics, psychology, and social science. *art, music & math*

##### Education:

Elementary, secondary, administration and supervision, and pupil personnel services.

##### School Psychologist and

##### School Psychometrist:

Psychology or educational psychology.

##### Personnel Supervision and Training:

For instructional and supervisory service in business, government, and industry.

#### GRADUATE ADVISERS

An adviser is available for each major. A student should call at the Graduate Office for the assignment of a temporary counselor for the period pending admission to candidacy. After passing qualifying tests and after receiving approval for admission to candidacy by the department, a permanent adviser is assigned by the Chairman of Graduate Studies to develop the student's final program.

#### COUNSELING FOR A CREDENTIAL

Students who are preparing for school service and need to qualify for a teaching credential should seek the counsel of a regular credential adviser in the Department of Education or in the major department. These advisers are assigned by the Office of Admissions and should be consulted prior to arranging a program with the master's degree adviser.

#### REQUIRED COURSES

General course patterns have been developed for each of the majors. The courses for an individual, however, are specifically selected with the approval of the departmental adviser to provide a well-rounded program. All candidates who are taking the degree with school service credentials must complete two units in Education 290, Procedures of Investigation and Report, and one additional unit in a course in bibliography (290) in the major department. Candidates preparing to teach or supervise in institutions that do not require a credential will substitute an approved course equivalent to Procedures of Investigation and Report. The minimum requirement for a concentration in a major shall be (1) eight units of courses numbered 200-299, which may include credit for a project or thesis and one unit in bibliography, and (2) six additional units in the major or in an approved related field, selected from upper division or graduate courses. Candidates who are preparing to teach or supervise in institutions which do not require a teaching credential must take 12 units in education courses. A minimum of 10 units in courses 200-299 is required.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Students who desire to read the course descriptions in the various departments are referred to the regular College Bulletin. Courses numbered 200-299 are limited to graduate students. Courses numbered 100-199



may be taken by graduate students and when approved by the program adviser may be counted as work toward the master's degree.

#### PROJECT OR THESIS

A project or thesis is required for the degree, excepting for candidates in foreign language. Students majoring in foreign language must pass a comprehensive examination and complete eight units of courses numbered 200-298. Three units of credit are granted for a project or thesis upon its acceptance by the committee. A project is usually considered to be a study which has direct utility for the student, such as the preparation of a curriculum or an intensive study of an approved topic. It may also be an artistic production. A thesis involves the collection and interpretation of new data or an analysis of a special topic by the use of primary sources of data.

#### PROJECT OR THESIS COMMITTEE

A faculty advisory committee is appointed to assist the student with a project or thesis. The appointment of a committee is made at the Graduate Office, but not before the student has been admitted to candidacy. The student should confer with the Chairman of Graduate Studies for final approval of the chairman of the committee after the student has conferred with the adviser in his major department. Two official conferences are required between the committee and the candidate. The first shall be held immediately after the appointment of the committee and the second shall be for the purpose of evaluation of the work at the time of completing the first draft of the project or thesis.

#### MAXIMUM STUDY LOAD

The maximum study load for a summer session shall be one unit per week of attendance; for fall or spring it shall be 15 units per semester of full-time attendance. For students employed full time, five units of courses numbered 100-199 or three units of courses numbered 200-299 constitute a maximum load. Students who carry more than this amount may not apply the excess to a degree program without official approval in advance.

#### CONFERRING OF THE DEGREE

The degree is officially conferred at the next regular convocation following the completion of all requirements. Graduates are required to attend. A cap and gown may be rented at the College Bookstore. Candidates are requested to check the final date for arranging for rental of a cap and gown.

An application for June or summer graduation must be filed at the Graduate Office by April 17, 1953. A report must be made to the Graduate Office by the chairman of the thesis committee by June 1 to the effect that the thesis will be completed for June graduation. Bound copies of the thesis must be deposited at the Graduate Office by June 12.

Candidates are advised that faculty members usually are not available after the close of the first Summer Session. All summer work on the thesis must ordinarily be completed by the end of the first term if students expect to be graduated before September.

A statement indicating that the candidate has completed all requirements for the degree may be secured between the time of completion of the degree and the next regular convocation by students who need

such a statement for the purposes of promotion in position, advancement on a salary schedule, transcripts, or for other reasons.

#### THE GRADUATE OFFICE

Candidates are advised to keep in touch with the Graduate Office concerning specific requirements for the typing of the thesis and final dates for submitting bound copies, date of graduation, and for other routine procedures concerning the degree. It is the purpose of the Graduate Office to keep students fully informed at all times regarding their progress toward the degree and related matters. Students are urged to utilize the counseling service provided them through the Graduate Office.

#### CALENDAR FOR 1952-1953

(Applicants, when ready for admission to candidacy for the master's degree, should secure from the Graduate Office specific dates for examinations and other information pertaining to the degree.)

#### SUMMER SESSIONS, 1952

June 23-August 1  
July 30

Term I; 6 weeks.  
Final date for delivery at the Graduate Office of completed thesis or project for summer graduation.

August 4-August 22

Term II; 3 weeks.

#### FALL SEMESTER, 1952-1953

August 1

Applications for admission to the College, for full-time attendance, must be filed at the Office of Admissions on or before this date.

September 16-17

Registration and payment of fees.

September 18

Instruction begins. Late registration fee becomes effective.

November 11

Armistice Day—holiday.

November 27-29

Thanksgiving recess.

December 15-January 2

Christmas vacation.

January 29-February 5

Semester examinations.

February 6

Fall semester ends.

#### SPRING SEMESTER, 1952-1953

February 13 and 16

Registration and payment of fees.

February 17

Instruction begins.

February 23

Washington's birthday—holiday.

March 30-April 3

Spring recess.

April 17

Last day to apply at Graduate Office for June or summer graduation.

May 30

Memorial Day—holiday.

June 1

Last day for chairman of thesis committee to report completion of project or thesis for June graduation.

June 11-18

Semester examinations.

June 12

Final date for depositing completed thesis at Graduate Office for June graduation.

June 18

Second semester ends.

June 19

Commencement.

#### SUMMER SESSIONS, 1953

June 29-August 7

Term I; 6 weeks.

August 5

Final date for delivery of completed thesis at Graduate Office for summer graduation.

August 10-August 28

Term II; 3 weeks.

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