

Taking University Classes

American Language Institute
San Diego State University

“Crashing” Classes

All enrollments in San Diego State University (SDSU) classes are on a space-available basis, and there is no guarantee of enrollment in preferred classes. ALI students register in university classes using a system called “crashing.” This process involves finding a class with space available and getting the professor’s permission to register in the class. Crashing can only be done after all fully matriculated SDSU students have chosen their classes; thus, ALI students cannot choose their courses before they arrive at SDSU. Upon arrival, ALI students will meet with an ALI advisor who will assist them with the process of crashing courses. The advisor helps students to choose their courses, guides them through the steps of registering for particular courses, and gives suggestions for successful crashing. The first weeks of the program, as the students are crashing courses, can be difficult, but in the end, students who are flexible in their choices are happy with their schedules. While we cannot guarantee placement in any one particular course, if students have general interests, they will find suitable courses.

Course Descriptions

For a list of course descriptions for all undergraduate and graduate courses offered at SDSU, please visit:

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES: <http://coursecat.sdsu.edu/catalog/>

GRADUATE COURSES: <http://coursecat.sdsu.edu/bulletin/>

Class Schedule

For a list of courses offered during the semester at SDSU, please visit www.sdsu.edu/schedule.html

General Information

For all general information about the ALI or SDSU, please visit:

ALI: <http://www.americanlanguage.org>

SDSU: <http://www.sdsu.edu>