Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Article 5, Section 40404 requires that all students demonstrate an understanding of American history, the United States Constitution, and California state and local government. According to the SDSU University Catalog, Graduation Requirements: IV American Institutions, a student may elect to complete the California state and local government portion of the American Institutions requirement by either:

1. Taking the California Government Exam available through SDSU Testing Services

   or

2. Completing one of the SDSU courses listed in the SDSU University Catalog, Graduation Requirements: IV American Institutions section of the SDSU University Catalog.

The California Government Exam is typically taken by students who have fulfilled the American history and U.S. Constitution component but not the California government component of the Graduation Requirements: IV American Institutions. Students with Advanced Placement (A.P.) credit or transfer students with coursework from outside the state of California can take the California Government Exam in lieu of taking an additional course. If you have not already completed the coursework to fulfill the American history and United State Constitution components of the American Institutions components of the American Institutions requirement, you do not need to take the California Government Exam as this will be included in your coursework at SDSU.

**General Exam Information**

The California Government Exam is composed of 40 multiple-choice questions and five identification items in which the examinee must define and explain in one paragraph the significance of a term related to California governance. Each multiple-choice item is worth two points and each identification item is worth four points. A score of 60 or more will be necessary to pass. The assessment is 60 minutes in length and there is no penalty for guessing. Students have a maximum of two attempts on the California Government Exam.


**Fee, Registration and Transfer Information**

The exam fee is a non-refundable $20.00. To register go to [http://testing.sdsu.edu](http://testing.sdsu.edu). The exam fee can be transferred to a different test date with advance notification. **You must request the date transfer prior to the registration deadline of the test for which you are already registered.** It may not be transferred to another individual or to a different exam. You can send an email to staar@sdsu.edu requesting a transfer to the new date. Please include your name and Red ID in the body of the email. Or, you can visit the Testing Services at Student Services West (SSW) 2549 and show your RedID to request a date transfer.

Once you have registered and paid for the exam, you should review your Admission Ticket for details regarding the exam and prohibited items. Students who bring prohibited items to the exam
will not be allowed in the testing room. You can access and print your Admission Ticket at the Testing Services Student Login. You must bring a printed copy of your Admission Ticket to be admitted to your exam. Electronic copies are not acceptable.

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* Sessions will be closed when testing capacity is reached regardless of registration deadline or posted dates.

**Students with Approved Accommodations**

Students with accommodations already authorized by the SDSU Student Ability Success Center (SASC), and placed on the SDSU Testing Services reservation system by SASC, will be offered an accommodated test session automatically during online test registration. SASC information can be found at [https://newscenter.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/sds/](https://newscenter.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/sds/) If you are not offered an accommodated test session when you register for the exam, contact your SASC counselor and ask that they place your accommodation on the SDSU Testing Services reservation system. Accommodations must be arranged no later than the posted registration deadline for the exam (see chart above).

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