GRAMMAR, SPELLING & PUNCTUATION TEST

General Exam Information

The Grammar, Spelling, and Punctuation (GSP) test is a way to determine whether students in the School of Journalism & Media Studies (JMS) at San Diego State University (SDSU) have sufficient command of English to indicate probable success in the curriculum and in related careers. The GSP consists of 100 multiple-choice questions in three areas: 33 questions cover grammar; 33 questions cover punctuation; and the final 34 questions cover spelling. Starting with the September 14, 2019 test administration, students need 77 (or more) correct answers to pass the test, which is a 90-minute timed exam. Students are allowed three attempts to pass the GSP. (Note: GSP tests that were taken prior to September 14, 2019 required 80 correct answers to pass the test.)

Who Needs to Take the Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation (GSP) test?

If you are seeking admission to the Advertising, Journalism, Media Studies, or Public Relations majors in the School of Journalism & Media Studies, you must complete the GSP with a passing score.

Study Guides

Study resources for the GSP can be found at http://studentaffairs.sdsu.edu/STAAR/docs/pdf/GSP/GSP_Test_Study_Guide.pdf Additionally, please see the School of JMS for further suggestions. Visit the JMS Undergraduate Advising Center in Adams Humanities (AH) 4200, pick up a flyer outside the office, or visit the JMS Homeroom through Blackboard.

Fee, Registration and Transfer Information

The exam fee is a non-refundable $25.00 and may not be transferred to another individual or to a different exam.

Once you have registered and paid for the exam, your Admission Ticket will be available to print. You must bring a printed copy of your Admission Ticket to be admitted to your exam. Electronic copies are not acceptable. You can access and print your Admission Ticket at the Testing Services Student Login.

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

^ Score release information: Test dates are determined by campus room available, so some test results may not be available prior to the next scheduled test date. Please plan your test date accordingly.

There are two options for transferring your test date and or time. The deadline for either option is **12:00 p.m. (noon) the business day before the exam.**

1. Bring a printed copy of your Admission Ticket (Testing Services Student Login) to the office (Student Services West, room 2549) during regular business hours.

2. Attach the Admission Ticket to an email requesting a transfer to the new date and/or time and send it STAAR@sdsu.edu. Please include your name and Red ID in the body of the email.

**Students Requesting 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 [http://go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/sds/](http://go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/sds/).

**Directions & Parking Information**

SDSU Testing Services directions and parking information can be found [here](http://go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/sds/).

*Information contained herein is subject to change without notice.*