In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and as a result of the “stay at home” order issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom, all in-person testing has been suspended until further notice. SDSU continues to monitor the evolving situation around COVID-19 and follow the guidance of our national, state and local government officials as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Testing Services is working with the SDSU Political Science Department to finalize arrangements for offering the California Government Exam online. Please check this website frequently for updates.

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 General Catalog, 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 examination available through the Testing Services office, OR

2. Completing one of the SDSU courses listed in the appropriate section of the American Institutions Requirement section of the General Catalog.

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 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/.

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