

Program Information: Degrees Offered, Acceptable Text Formats, Style Guides, and Copy Requirements

Department, School, or Program	Degrees Offered	Approved Text Formats¹	Department Style Guide	Copy Requirements
Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering 	Chapter/ Technical	AIAA Journal ² or Chicago Author/Number ³	None
Anthropology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Anthropology 	Chapter /Section/Technical	AAA (Chicago Author/Year), AJPA (APA), APA, or American Antiquity	None
Art and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Art • Master of Fine Arts in Art 	Chapter /Section/Technical	Chicago	None
Asia Pacific Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Asian Studies 	Chapter /Technical	Turabian or Ask Advisor	None
Astronomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Astronomy 	Chapter/Section/Technical	Astrophysical Journal ²	None
Big Data Analytics Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Big Data Analytics 	Ask Advisor	Ask Advisor	None
Bioengineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Bioengineering 	Chapter /Technical	Journal ⁵ or Chicago Author/Number ³	None
Bioinformatics & Medical Informatics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Bioinformatics & Medical Informatics 	Chapter/ Section /Technical	All, Journal ⁵ (<i>Nature</i> see advisor)	None
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Biology • Master of Science in Biology • Master of Science in Microbiology 	Chapter/ Section /Technical	Journal ⁵	None
Business Administration, College of (all departments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Accountancy • Master of Science in Business Administration • Master of Business Administration (MBA) • MBA and MA in Latin American Studies⁶ • MBA and Juris Doctor⁶ • Master of Science in Cybersecurity Management 	Chapter /Section/Technical	Journal ⁵ or APA	Ask Advisor

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Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Chemistry • Master of Science in Chemistry 	Chapter/Technical	Journal ⁵ and either ACS ² or Department	None
Chicana and Chicano Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Chicana and Chicano Studies 	Ask Advisor	Ask Advisor	None
Child & Family Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Child Development 	Chapter/Section	APA	Ask Advisor
Civil & Environ. Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Civil Engineering 	Chapter/Technical	APA, Chicago, or Journal ⁵	None
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Communication 	Chapter/Section/Technical	APA	None
Computational Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Computational Science 	Chapter/Technical	L ^A T _E X ⁴	None
Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Computer Science 	Chapter/ Technical	L ^A T _E X ⁴ or IEEE Journal ⁵	None
Counseling and School Psychology ⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Counseling • Master of Science in School Psychology 	Chapter/Section	APA	Ask Advisor
Earth and Environmental Sciences (formerly Geological Sciences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Geological Sciences 	Chapter/ Section	GSA Journals ² , AAPG Bulletin ² , Journal ⁵ , or APA	None
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Economics 	Chapter	APA, MLA, or Chicago	None
Education (all departments, except Counseling)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Education • Doctor of Education 	Chapter	APA	None
Electrical and Computer Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Electrical Engineering 	Chapter/ Technical	Any IEEE Journal ² or Chicago Author/Number ³	None
English and Comparative Literature ⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in English • Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing 	Chapter/Section	MLA	None
European Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in French 	Chapter/Technical	MLA	None

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Exercise and Nutritional Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Exercise Physiology • Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences • Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences and Master of Science in Exercise Physiology⁶ 	Chapter/Section	APA or Journal ⁵	None
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Geography • Master of Science in Geography 	Ask Advisor	Ask Advisor	None
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in History 	Chapter	Ask Advisor	None
Homeland Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Homeland Security 	Chapter	All - see chair	Dept library – hardbind
Interdisciplinary Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies • Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies 	Ask Advisor	Ask Advisor	Ask Advisor
Journalism and Media Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Mass Communication 	Chapter/Section/Technical	APA	None
Latin American Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Latin American Studies • Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies⁶ • Master of Arts in Latin American Studies and Master of Public Health⁶ • Master of Arts in Latin American Studies and Master of Public Administration⁶ 	Ask Advisor	Ask Advisor	None
Liberal Arts and Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences 	Chapter/Section/Technical	MLA, Chicago, or APA	None
Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Linguistics 	Chapter/Section/Technical	APA or LSA	None
Mathematics and Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Mathematics • Master of Science in Statistics 	Chapter/ Technical	APA or L ^A T _E X ⁴	None
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Applied Mathematics 	Chapter/ Technical	L ^A T _E X ⁴	None

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Mechanical Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering • Master of Engineering in Manufacturing and Design 	Chapter/Technical	Chicago Author/Number ³	None
Music and Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Music • Master of Music 	Chapter	APA, MLA, or Chicago	Ask Music Faculty Advisor
Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Nursing 	Chapter	APA (Turabian for historical theses)	None
Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Philosophy 	Chapter/Section/Technical	Chicago	None
Phys Ed/ Kinesiology	See Exercise and Nutritional Sciences			
Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Physics • Master of Science in Physics • Master of Science in Medical Physics 	Chapter/Technical	AIP or L ^A T _E X ⁴	None
Political Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Political Science 	Chapter	APA, APSA, or Chicago	None
Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Psychology • Master of Science in Psychology 	Chapter/ Section	APA	Ask Advisor
Public Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of City Planning • Master of Public Administration 	Chapter	APA or MLA	None
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology 	Chapter	APA or ASA	None
Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Public Health • Master of Public Health • Master of Public Health and Master of Social Work⁶ • Master of Public Health and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies⁶ • Master of Science in Epidemiology 	Chapter/Section/Technical	APA or Journal ⁵	None
Regulatory Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science in Regulatory Affairs 	Technical	APA	None
Rhetoric and Writing Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Rhetoric and Writing Studies 	Thesis – Chapter Project – Section	MLA or APA	None

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Social Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Social Work • Master of Social Work and Juris Doctor⁶ 	Chapter /Technical	APA	None
Sociology	• Master of Arts in Sociology	Chapter /Technical	ASA or APA	None
	• Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology	Chapter	APA or ASA	None
Spanish	• Master of Arts in Spanish	Chapter	APA, MLA or Turabian	None
Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences	• Master of Arts in Speech, Language, and Hearing Science	Chapter	APA	None
Theatre, Television and Film	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts in Theatre Arts • Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts • Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts with a Concentration in Musical Theatre 	Chapter /Technical	MLA	None
	• Master of Arts in Television, Film, and New Media Production	Chapter/Section/Technical	MLA	Digital copy to be provided by the student
Women's Studies	• Master of Arts in Women's Studies	Chapter/Section/Technical	All – see chair	None

¹ Bold designates the preferred format. See MP's [Descriptions of Approved Text Formats for SDSU Theses: Chapter, Section, Technical](#) video for more information.

² Some departments offer students a choice between formal style guides and the use of journals as style guides. When you have these options, select and use only one guide. If there is a style question not addressed by your chosen guide or the SDSU thesis template, the other style guide could be used as an alternate source.

³ Author-number system of referencing based on the Chicago style manual. Brackets [] used in text. Please see https://www.montezumapublishing.com/portals/0/docs/Chicago_Author_Number.pdf for details and examples.

⁴ The style guide contained in the pdf file, "Sample Thesis," is downloadable from the Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics' web page under Dept. Resources. There is also a thesis template (programmed in L^AT_EX) from that site. Some faculty prefer that students use the L^AT_EX program (vs. M.S. Word, e.g.).

⁵ Relevant refereed journal approved by the thesis chair. (A copy of the journal's Notes to Authors and a published article must be submitted with the thesis.)

⁶ Concurrent Degree. In the case of the concurrent MSW/Juris Doctor degree program, the Juris Doctor will be awarded by California Western School of Law.

⁷ Some programs offer a project or manuscript option instead of the thesis option.