INTERESTED IN GRADUATE SCHOOL?

TIP: Some programs accept applicants on a rolling basis, so the earlier you apply the better!

TIMELINE FOR SJSU GRADUATE STUDIES

Always check for university & program specific deadlines! International applicant deadlines vary.

FRESHMAN
- Earn good grades.
- Start thinking about your future goals.

SOPHOMORE
- Keep up good grades.
- Get to know professors.
- Research careers.

JUNIOR
- Get involved in research.
- Take the GRE.
- Research graduate programs.
- Write a statement of purpose.
- Send out fellowship applications.

SENIOR
- Request letters of recommendation.
- Submit applications.

TIP: Some programs require experience before applying for graduate programs.

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When researching careers, consider if graduate school is an option for you.

Some careers require a graduate degree to enter the field.

Those with advanced degrees earn an average of $13,052 more annually than those with bachelor's degrees. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015)

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TIP:
As a graduate student, you are considered an independent on FAFSA and may receive more financial aid.

FINANCIAL AID

GRANTS
Awarded for financial aid through FAFSA
State University Grant covers full tuition

FELLOWSHIPS
Awarded for achievement through application
May include internship commitment

ASSISTANTSHIPS
Awarded for employment through application
May include research, teaching, or admin. work

EMPLOYER SUPPORTED
Awarded for studies directly related to job role
Ask your employer if they have a program

WORK STUDY
Awarded for employment through fafsa
Only the employer accepts the award

LOANS
Awarded for financial aid through FAFSA
May include Perkins, Stafford, & PLUS loan

TESTS
GRE
Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, & Quantitative VARIOUS PROGRAMS

GMAT
Analytical Writing, Integrated Reasoning, Quantitative, & Verbal BUSINESS

LSAT
Logical Reasoning, Reading Comp., Analytical Reasoning, & Writing LAW

MCAT
Biology, Chemistry, Behavioral, & Critical Thinking MEDICAL

MAT
Analogies for Quantitative, Verbal, & Analytical Writing VARIOUS PROGRAMS

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