The 2025 Graduation Challenge
CHANCELLOR’S OFFICE GRADUATION INITIATIVE GOALS

GRADUATION RATE TARGETS

FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN

54% EXPECTED TO GRADUATE WITHIN FOUR YEARS
86% EXPECTED TO GRADUATE WITHIN SIX YEARS

UPPER DIVISION TRANSFER

51% EXPECTED TO GRADUATE WITHIN TWO YEARS
91% EXPECTED TO GRADUATE WITHIN FOUR YEARS

WHY SUCH AMBITIOUS GOALS?

CO GOALS REPRESENT TARGETS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS CALIFORNIA’S NEED FOR DEGREES AND COMMITMENT TO THE CSU MISSION.

Research currently projects California will face a deficit of nearly 1.1 million degrees by 2030. Graduating more students at the CSU represents California’s largest opportunity to meet the demand for highly educated workers while also providing significant opportunities to diverse populations.

BUILDING ON FOUNDATION OF SUCCESS

IN THE PAST 10 YEARS SDSU HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT GAINS ACROSS EACH OF ITS GRADUATION RATE TARGETS

OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD: REACHING NEW GOALS

WHILE CO GOALS REPRESENT NEW AMBITIOUS STUDENT SUCCESS TARGETS, THE RATE OF GROWTH NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THESE TARGETS CLOSELY RESEMBLE GAINS ALREADY ACHIEVED BY SDSU

WHAT IF GRADUATION GOALS WERE ACHIEVED?

4,600 ADDITIONAL FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN DEGREES AWARDED
1,200 ADDITIONAL UPPER DIVISION TRANSFER DEGREES AWARDED

FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN GRADUATING TWO YEARS FASTER

5,100

UPPER DIVISION TRANSFER GRADUATING TWO YEARS FASTER

1,400

ACTUAL GROWTH

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1.65% yearly
+1.55% yearly
+.85% yearly
+1.41% yearly

TARGET GROWTH

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+1.8% yearly
+1.75% yearly
+.86% yearly
+.73% yearly

UPPER DIVISION TRANSFER GAPS FOR ALL RATES

ZERO (MORE ON GRADUATION GAPS COMING SOON)