

**Cal State San Marcos**  
**EXTENDED STUDIES DEFINITIONS**

**Noncredit Course:** Course that carries no academic credit and does not appear on a student's transcript. Colleges review but do not "approve." (Course may or may not carry Continuing Education Units-CEUs-which are nationally recognized noncredit units denoting time spent in a continuing education class or activity.) **Contact Extended Studies for information on proposing a noncredit course.**

**Fee: = Variable**

**Extension (non-degree) Credit Course:** Academic credit course numbered in the 1000 series. Carries prefix of the corresponding academic department and is "transcriptable," but does not typically apply to a degree. Colleges review and approve. **Requires completion of Extended Studies Course Proposal Form and Form X to propose course.**

([http://www.csusm.edu/academic\\_programs/Curriculum\\_Forms/index.html](http://www.csusm.edu/academic_programs/Curriculum_Forms/index.html) )

**Fee: = Variable (approved range: \$150 to \$900 per unit)**

**Degree Credit (Special Session) Course:** Course numbered in the 100-700 series. Carries degree-level academic credit and is "transcriptable." Courses are drawn from the standard CSUSM curriculum. Colleges review and approve. Offered through Extended Studies as "Special Session" (that is, course fees are not covered by the state university fee). **Requires completion of Form E ([http://www.csusm.edu/academic\\_programs/Curriculum\\_Forms/index.html](http://www.csusm.edu/academic_programs/Curriculum_Forms/index.html) ) to propose course.**

**Fee: = Variable (approved range: \$200 to \$1,000 per unit)**

**Certificate Program:** A series of courses (credit or noncredit) bundled together to provide to provide a specified set of competencies in a certain area (e.g. Certificate in Science Education; Certificate in Spanish for Teachers; etc.) **Contact Extended Studies for information on proposing certificate programs.**

**Fee: = Variable**

**Contract Credit Arrangements:** Process whereby a third party (e.g. school district) "contracts" through Extended Studies for the credit component (Extension or Degree level credit) of a course or inservice program. No other costs beyond credit are incurred by the campus/Extended Studies. Credit is transcriptable. **Requires completion of Form X and Extended Studies Course Proposal Form for extension credit and completion of Form E if seeking degree- level credit.** ([http://www.csusm.edu/academic\\_programs/Curriculum\\_Forms/index.html](http://www.csusm.edu/academic_programs/Curriculum_Forms/index.html) )

**Fee: = Currently \$99/unit (approved range: \$40 to \$250 per unit)**