

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

One Degree. Two Ways to Get There.



FIND THE RIGHT FORMAT FOR YOU

Same respected USD degree. Two learning formats designed for different goals.

ONLINE

ON-CAMPUS

 BEST FOR	Working professionals seeking maximum flexibility while continuing their careers	Students seeking an immersive, accelerated, full-time campus experience
 SCHEDULE	Part-time and fully asynchronous; one 7-week course at a time	Full-time, daytime, face-to-face study; classes typically meet 2–3 days per week
 COURSE LOAD	Two courses per semester, taken sequentially	Three to four courses per semester
 LOCATION	Learn from anywhere	USD Campus in San Diego
 PROGRAM LENGTH	20 Months Spring, Summer, Fall	16 Months No required summer coursework.
 UNITS	30 Units	30 Units
 TUITION	Cost Per Unit: \$995 Estimated Tuition: \$29,850 Federal financial aid may be available to eligible students.	Cost Per Unit: \$2,000 Estimated Tuition: \$60,000 Scholarships may be available based on merit and financial need.

*International students interested in the Campus Full-Time format are required to have an F1 Student Visa.

WHAT EVERY FORMAT INCLUDES



Same curriculum and academic standards



Experienced faculty with academic and industry expertise



Applied, project-based learning



The latest tools & advances in A.I.



USD advising, career support, and alumni network

The diploma is identical for both formats. It reads “Master of Science in Applied Artificial Intelligence” with no mention of modality.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the course experience differences for on-campus vs online?

- Online: Fully asynchronous. Highest flexibility for students who seek to balance studies with full-time work.
- On-campus: An immersive, daytime format designed for students who want an accelerated, face-to-face experience and can commit to full-time study, including international students seeking a visa-eligible campus program.

How do students interact and collaborate in each format?

- Online: While online courses are asynchronous, students interact with one another as well as with instructors via a specially designated Slack Pro channel for the USD MS-AAI community. In this environment, you can easily message your peers and faculty in a dynamic way.
- On-campus: Communication is spontaneous and real-time among students and faculty. In the classroom, conversations may include small-team brainstorms for real-world problems, ideas and collaborations on final projects and Capstone, and lively discussions.

Are the curriculum and academic requirements the same?

Both formats follow the same curriculum, learning outcomes, academic standards, and degree requirements. Core assignments and capstone expectations are aligned, although specific activities, examples, deadlines, or project structures may vary by instructor and delivery format. On-campus collaboration is generally synchronous, while online collaboration is primarily asynchronous.

Can I switch formats during the program?

Format changes may be possible but are not guaranteed. Before requesting a change, students should consult the Program Coordinator to understand potential effects on tuition, financial aid, course availability, immigration status, and graduation timing.

Can international students enroll in either format?

Students who require U.S. student visa sponsorship should apply to the eligible full-time on-campus format. Eligibility for the online format depends on the student's location and immigration status. International applicants should confirm their eligibility with an enrollment advisor before applying.