

## Admissions

the English language and mathematics/quantitative reasoning

*or*

•the IGETC requirements in English composition and mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning. The course meeting either General Education math requirement must be above the level of intermediate algebra.

Transferable courses are those designated for baccalaureate credit by the college or university offering the courses.

Consult with any CSU Admissions Office for further information about alternative ways to satisfy the subject requirements.

**Honors Courses.** Grades, in up to eight semesters of honors courses in approved subjects and taken in the last two years of high school, receive additional points in grade point average calculations. Each unit of *A* in approved courses receives a total of 5 points; *B*, 4 points; *C*, 3 points; *D*, 1 point; and none for *F* grades.

**Test Requirements.** Freshman and transfer applicants who have fewer than 56 semester (84 quarter) units of transferable college credit must submit official scores — unless exempt (see *Eligibility Index* on page 62) — from either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT I) of the College Board or the American College Testing Program (ACT). Test scores are also used for advising and placement purposes. Registration forms and dates for either test may be obtained from high school or college counselors or from a CSU campus testing office. Or, write to or call:

**The College Board (SAT I)**  
Registration Unit, Box 592  
Princeton, New Jersey 08541  
(609) 771-7588

**American College Testing Program (ACT)**  
Registration Unit, P.O. Box 168  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240  
(319) 337-1270

**TOEFL Requirement.** All undergraduate applicants whose native language is not English, regardless of citizenship, must demonstrate English language proficiency through an official TOEFL report showing a minimum score of 500. All graduate applicants must submit a minimum TOEFL score of 550, unless they have

a baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education in which English is the language of instruction. Individual campuses may require higher scores for specific majors.

**Systemwide Tests Required of Most New Students.** The CSU requires new students to be tested in English and mathematics after they are admitted. These are not admission tests but a way to determine whether you are prepared for college work and, if not, to counsel you how to strengthen your preparation. You might be exempt from one or both of the tests if you have scored well on other specified tests or completed appropriate courses.

**English Placement Test (EPT).** Unless exempt according to CSU policy, all students enrolling at California State University, Fresno must take the EPT by the end of their first semester of attendance. (See *Academic Placement*.)

**Entry-Level Mathematics (ELM) Exam.** Unless exempt according to CSU policy, all students enrolling at California State University, Fresno must take the ELM by the end of their first semester of attendance. (See *Academic Placement*.)

**Adult Students.** As an alternative to regular admission criteria, applicants who are 25 years of age or older may be considered for admission as adult students if they meet all of the following conditions:

1. Possess a high school diploma (or have established equivalence through either the Tests of General Educational Development or the California High School Proficiency Examination).
2. Have not been enrolled in a California community college as a full-time student for more than one term during the past five years. (*Part-time enrollment is permissible*.)
3. Earned a *C* average or better in college coursework during the last five years.

Consideration is based on the applicant's probability of academic success and includes an assessment of basic skills in the English language and mathematical computation. For information, call our Reentry Office, 278-3040.

**Graduation Requirements in Writing Proficiency.** All students must demonstrate competency in writing skills as a requirement for graduation. Information on currently available ways to meet this graduation requirement may be obtained from the Admissions Office or the Testing Office.

## Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission Requirements

See *Division of Graduate Studies*.

## International (Foreign) Students

The California State University must assess the academic preparation of foreign students. For this purpose, "foreign students" include those who hold U.S. visas as students, exchange visitors, or in other nonimmigrant classifications.

The CSU uses separate requirements and application filing dates in the admission of foreign students.

Verification of English proficiency (see *TOEFL Requirement* for undergraduate applicants), financial resources, and academic performance are all important considerations.

Academic records from foreign institutions must be on file at least eight weeks before registration for the first term and, if not in English, must be submitted in native language and accompanied by a certified English translation. No final admission decision will be made until required materials have been submitted to International Admissions. Priority in admission is given to residents of California.

At California State University, Fresno admissions decisions are made on the basis of complete academic records from all secondary and college level schools, demonstrated English proficiency based on the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and a certification of financial support.

Obtain information on TOEFL testing dates and centers by writing TOEFL, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 or contacting our Testing Office.