

- to add an important and timely assessment tool in preparing students for college; and
- to improve students' chances of successful completion of a college degree.

For 2012, resident students would be required to participate in the Early Start Program if their ELM score is less than 50 and/or their EPT score is less than 138. Newly admitted freshman students who are required to complete Early Start will be notified of the requirement and options for completing the program as part of campus communications to newly admitted students.

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 General Educational Development or California High School Proficiency Examinations)
 2. have not been enrolled as a full-time student for more than one term during the past five years (*Part-time enrollment is permissible.*)
 3. have earned a **C** average or better in all college coursework attempted in the last five years
- **First time freshman:** completion of at least high school level intermediate algebra and high school college prep level English.
 - **Lower-division transfer:** completion of at least intermediate algebra at the college level and completion of English composition at the college level.
 - **Upper-division transfer:** a student with 56 or more transferable units does not qualify for special admission through this program and must meet all regular admission requirements.

Consideration will be based upon a judgment as to whether the applicant is as likely to succeed as a regularly admitted freshman or transfer student and will include an assessment of basic skills in the English language and mathematical computation. For information, call the Reentry Office at **559.278.1787**.

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 Evaluations Office or the Testing Office.

Appeal of Admission Decision. Section 89030.7 of the California Education Code requires the California State University establishes specific requirements for appeal procedures for a denial of admission. Each CSU campus must publish appeal procedures for applicants denied admission to the university. The procedure is limited to addressing campus decisions to deny an applicant admission to the university.

Admissions appeal procedures must address the basis for appeals, provide 15 business days for an applicant to submit an appeal, stipulate a maximum of one appeal per academic term, and provide specific contact information for the individual or office to which the appeal should be submitted. It must also be published on the campus website.

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. temporary visas as students and 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 the section on the English Language Requirement for undergraduate applicants), financial resources, and academic performance are each important considerations for admission. Academic records from foreign institutions must be on file by the deadline (see application deadlines in the copy that follows) for the first term and, if not in English, must be accompanied by certified English translations.

Applicants must have completed a comprehensive pattern of college preparatory courses. Verification of English proficiency (see the section on TOEFL requirement) and academic performance are required. Applicants who are seeking admission from American secondary or post-secondary schools must fulfill all requirements (see *Admission Requirements*).

No admission decision will be made until required materials have been submitted to International Admissions.

Application Forms. All foreign students requesting admission for undergraduate or graduate study at California State University, Fresno must complete and file the international student application. Applicants must submit the following:

- an international application
- a \$55 nonrefundable processing fee (note that checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank account)
- a current official bank statement from financial sponsor
- an official TOEFL score taken no earlier than two years prior to attendance at California State University, Fresno
- official original or certified true copies of academic documents and other school records in the native language and in English translation

Graduate students must also submit current GMAT/GRE scores and letters of recommendation.

All documents submitted become the property of California State University, Fresno and will not be returned. They will be kept permanently for those students who actually attend; however, documents for those students who do not enroll will be retained for only one year.

Application Deadlines. The international application, fee, and all required documents, transcripts, and test scores must be received no later than:

Semester	Undergraduate	Graduate
Fall	June 1	March 1
Spring	November 1	October 1

Academic credentials will be evaluated for academic eligibility in accordance with the general regulations governing admission to California State University, Fresno. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate English proficiency. (See *TOEFL* next section.)

Graduate applications will be reviewed by the individual academic departments to determine eligibility for the requested graduate program.

TOEFL. To ensure that students are prepared to take advantage of the educational opportunities available at California State University, Fresno, each international student who must submit TOEFL scores