

Returning Students

Applicants who seek readmission after an absence of one semester or more must file an application for admission. Applicants absent one semester only are exempt from the \$55 application fee providing no academic work was taken in the interim at any other institution. Students absent on an approved planned educational leave are not required to file an application for admission and are exempt from the application fee. (See Planned Educational Leave.)

Application Filing Periods

Each non-impacted campus accepts applications until capacities are reached. Many campuses limit undergraduate admission in an enrollment category due to overall enrollment limits. If applying after the initial filing period, consult the campus admission office for current information. Similar information is conveniently available at www.calstate.edu/apply/.

- Applications for the fall semester are accepted beginning Oct. 1. The initial filing period lasts until Nov. 30.
- Applications for the spring semester are accepted beginning Aug. 1. The initial filing period lasts until Aug. 31.
- Applications for the summer semester are accepted beginning Feb. 1. The initial filing period lasts until Feb. 28. *Most campuses do not admit students to summer term.*

Application Acknowledgment. Applicants should expect to receive an acknowledgment from the campuses to which they have applied within two to four weeks of filing the application. The notice may also include a request that applicants submit additional records necessary to evaluate academic qualifications. Applicants may be assured of admission if the evaluation of relevant qualifications indicates that applicants meet CSU admission requirements, and in the case of admission impaction, supplemental criteria for admission to an impacted program. Unless specific written approval/confirmation is received, an offer of admission is not transferable to another term or to another campus.

Hardship Petitions. The campus has established procedures for consideration of qualified applicants who would be faced with extreme hardship if not admitted. Petitioners should write the campus Admissions Office regarding specific policies governing hardship admission.

Undergraduate Admission Requirements

Freshmen Requirements. Generally, applicants will qualify for consideration for first-time freshman admission if they meet the following requirements:

1. Have **graduated** from high school, have earned a Certificate of General Education Development (GED) or have passed the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE)
2. Have a qualifiable minimum eligibility index (see "Eligibility Index"); and
3. Have completed, with grades of C- or better, each of the courses in the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory subject requirements also known as the "a-g" pattern (see "Subject Requirements").

Eligibility Index. The eligibility index is the combination of the high school GPA and scores on either the ACT or the SAT. GPA is based on grades earned in courses taken during the final three years of high school. Included in calculation of GPA are grades earned in all college preparatory "a-g" subject requirements and bonus points for approved honors courses. Up to eight semesters of honors courses taken in the last three years of high school, including up to two approved courses taken in the tenth grade can be accepted. Each unit of A in an honors course will receive a total of 5 points; B, 4 points; and C, 3 points.

A CSU eligibility index can be calculated by multiplying a GPA by 800 and adding the total score on the SAT exam (**mathematics and critical reading on the old SAT or mathematics and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing on the new SAT**). For students who took the ACT, multiply the GPA by 200 and add 10 times the ACT composite score. Persons who are California high school graduates (or residents of California for tuition purposes) need a minimum index of 2950 using the SAT or 694 using the ACT. The Eligibility Index Table illustrates several combinations of required test scores and averages. The university has no current plans to include the writing scores from either of the admission tests in the computation of the CSU eligibility index.

Persons who neither graduated from a California high school nor are a resident of California for tuition purposes need a minimum index of 3570 using the SAT or 842 using the ACT. Graduates of secondary schools in foreign countries must be judged to have academic preparation and abilities equivalent to applicants eligible under this section. Impacted CSU campuses such as Fresno require SAT or ACT scores of all applicants for **freshmen** admission.

The University minimum index for impacted campuses such as Fresno is higher than the CSU minimum. See www.calstate.edu/apply for more information.