

# Academic Placement

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## Classification of Students

Student class levels are determined as follows:

**Freshmen**—Students who have earned a total of fewer than 30 semester units.

**Sophomores**—Students who have earned a total of 30 to 59 semester units inclusive.

**Juniors**—Students who have earned a total of 60 to 89 semester units inclusive.

**Seniors**—Students who have earned 90 semester units or more.

**Post-Baccalaureate/Graduates**—Students who have at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.

**Advanced Placement.** The Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board permits able high school students to take college-equivalent courses while in high school and, based upon comprehensive qualifying examinations, receive advanced placement and credit at participating universities and colleges. CSU, Fresno grants credit toward its undergraduate degrees for successful completion of examinations of the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board. Students who present scores of three or better will be granted six semester units of college credit for each examination.

**English Placement Test.** All entering freshman and lower division students who enroll with fewer than 56 transferable semester units must complete the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) with the exception of students who present one of the following:

1. Satisfactory scores on the CSU English Equivalency Examination.
2. Score of 3, 4, or 5 on the English Composition Examination of the College Board Advanced Placement Program.
3. A score of 600 or above on the College Board Achievement Test in English Composition with Essay.
4. A score of 510 or above on the Verbal section of the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT-Verbal).
5. A score of 23 or above on the ACT English Usage Test.
6. Completion of an acceptable college course in English composition of four-quarter or three-semester units with a grade of C or better.

Failure to take the English Placement Test at the earliest opportunity after admission may lead to administrative probation which, according to Section 41300.1 of Title 5, *California Administrative Code*, and CSU Executive Order 186, may lead to disqualification from further attendance. The results of the EPT will not affect admissions eligibility but will be used to identify students who need special help in reading and writing in order to do college-level work.

Information bulletins and registration materials for the EPT will be mailed to all students subject to the requirement. The materials may also be obtained from the Office of Admissions and Records.

**Entry-Level Mathematics Requirements.** All students entering CSU as of fall 1983 who are subject to the 1983–84 or subsequent Bulletin/Catalog must demonstrate basic

competence in mathematics. New freshmen must demonstrate competence by successful completion of the CSU Entry-Level Mathematics (ELM) test. Transfer students who are subject to requirements in the 1983–84 catalog must take the ELM test unless they have successfully completed (grade of C or better) a mathematics course certified for General Education-Quantitative Reasoning (intermediate algebra or above) at the time of transfer. Satisfactory performance on any of several alternate examinations may exempt students from taking this examination. For more information, contact the Admissions Office.

Students required to take this examination should do so as soon as possible after admission. (The results of this examination do not affect admission.) Failure to take the examination before the end of the first term may lead to probation and disqualification according to Section 41300.1 of Title 5, *California Administrative Code*, and CSU Executive Order 338.

Students who cannot demonstrate basic competence on the examination are required to take steps to overcome deficiencies early in their enrollment. Any coursework undertaken primarily to acquire the required competence shall not be applicable to the baccalaureate degree.

Information bulletins and registration for the ELM Examination will be mailed to all students who may be subject to the requirement or they may be obtained from the Office of Admissions and Records. Further information regarding the examination and possible exemptions may be obtained from the Director of Testing.

**Credit by Examination.** CSU, Fresno grants credit to those undergraduate students who pass examinations that have been approved for credit systemwide. These include the CSU English Equivalency Examination and some CLEP examinations.

Students may challenge courses by taking examinations developed at the campus. Credit shall be awarded to those who pass them successfully. Credit by examination is designed to encourage a regularly enrolled student to seek college credit in courses in which the student has competence but for which credit has not been earned by the usual academic processes, thereby permitting the student to accelerate his or her progress and provide an opportunity for wider selection of course work. The following procedures should be followed:

1. A student may apply for credit by examination in any course in the current CSU, Fresno catalog for which he or she appears to be reasonably qualified by training or experience and for which college credit has not been previously allowed. Credit by examination will not be awarded if credit has been granted for previous course work more advanced than the level represented by the examination in question. Credit by examination will not be allowed in a course in which the student has been permitted to register as an auditor during the same semester, in which the student has received a failing grade, or in which he or she has unsuccessfully sought credit by examination.