



International (Foreign) Students

An applicant who is a graduate of a secondary school in a foreign country or who has equivalent preparation in a foreign country, may be admitted as a first-time freshman if his or her preparation and ability are such that in the judgment of the appropriate campus authority, the probability of his or her academic success at the campus is equivalent to that of eligible California high school graduates.

At CSU, 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.

Information on TOEFL testing dates and centers may be obtained by writing, TOEFL, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 or from the CSU, Fresno, Testing Center.

Applicants should take TOEFL at least six months before the beginning of the semester to which they are seeking admission to allow time for evaluation and receipt of test scores.

To qualify for undergraduate admission an international student must present a score of 500 or better on the TOEFL. A post-baccalaureate or graduate student must present a score of 550 or better. The TOEFL score required for admission to specific programs may be higher than the minimum of 500 for undergraduate and 550 for post-baccalaureate applicants indicated above. Students should check these TOEFL requirements in the departmental listings.

To assure that students are prepared to take advantage of the educational opportunities available at CSU, Fresno each international student who must submit TOEFL scores will be required to participate in a post-admission testing program. The tests will be administered during Orientation, immediately before the student's first matriculated semester. The purpose

of the testing program is to assess strengths and weaknesses in oral and written English. As a result of the post-admission testing, a student may be required to enroll in certain International Studies Courses (ISC) as a condition of admission.

An undergraduate student whose academic qualifications are acceptable, but who has not achieved an acceptable TOEFL score may be granted a conditional admission. Such a student must obtain an I-20 Form (Certificate of Eligibility) from an English language school and attend an English as a Second Language (ESL) Program. In order to transfer from a language school to CSU, Fresno a conditionally admitted student must present an acceptable score on the TOEFL. Applicants to undergraduate majors in business or engineering are not eligible for conditional admission.

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 \$35 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 \$35 application fee. See Planned Educational Leave.

Graduate Admission Requirements

See Division of Graduate Studies and Research.

Determination of Residence for Nonresident Tuition Purposes

The campus Admissions Office determines the residence status of all new and returning students for nonresident tuition purposes. Responses to items 29-45 on the Application for Admission and, if necessary, other evidence furnished by the student are used in making this determination. A student who fails to submit adequate information to establish a right to classification as a California resident will be classified as a nonresident.

The following statement of the rules regarding residency determination for nonresident tuition purposes is not a complete discussion of the law, but a summary of the principal rules and their exceptions. The law governing residence determination for tuition purposes by The California State University is found in *Education Code* Sections 68000-68090, 68121, 68123, 68124, 89705-89707.5 and 90408 and in Title 5 of the *California Administrative Code*, Sections 41900-41912). A copy of the statutes and regulations is available for inspection at the campus Admissions Office.

Legal residence may be established by an adult who is physically present in the state and who, at the same time, intends to make California his or her permanent home. Steps must be taken at least one year prior to the residence determination date to show an intent to make California the permanent home with concurrent relinquishment of the prior legal residence. The steps necessary to show California residency intent will vary from case to case. Included among the steps may be registering to vote and voting in elections in California; filing resident California state income tax forms on total income; ownership of residential property or continuous occupancy or renting of an apartment on a lease basis where one's permanent belongings are kept; maintaining active resident memberships in California professional or social