

TESTING SERVICES

The Office of Testing Services is staffed by a Coordinator and a Psychometrist, both having special educational backgrounds emphasizing tests and measurement, research, and computer applications. They work closely with other offices, Counseling Center staff, and faculty. Services include the following:

Psychological Testing. A variety of psychological tests designed to measure educational abilities, personality, and vocational/career interests are available. Usually such tests are administered at the request of a counselor or a member of the Office of Advising Services staff. In most cases, a student must see a counselor prior to the administration of psychological tests.

Research Services. Within the limits of staff time, the office assists students, faculty, or departments in designing and implementing research problems. The Office of Testing Services is often a link between the researcher and the campus Computer Center.

Computer-Assisted Test Construction. This is a service currently being implemented throughout the CSUC system. The program, called *SOCRATES*, permits faculty members to request objective examinations to meet their requirements. Item banks currently in use include: Political Science, U.S. History, Tests and Measurements, Data Processing, Biology, Chemistry, Counseling and Guidance, Astronomy, Economics, Physics and Psychology.

Entrance Examinations. Three times during the academic year special institutional administrations of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) are scheduled for students applying for admission to CSUF who, for whatever reason, were unable to take the test at one of the regularly scheduled national administrations. Specific information is available in the Office of Testing Services.

National Testing Programs. The Office of Testing Services coordinates administration of several nationally administered testing programs, including the Admissions Testing Program (SAT), the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), the National Teacher Examination (NTE), the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), and the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A variety of certification examinations are also administered by this office. Applications and particulars are available upon request.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP). The Office of Testing Services is an "open" test center for this nation-wide program. Tests may be administered on Tuesdays and Thursdays of the third week of each month. Registration materials are available in the office.

Departmental Challenge Exams. Special arrangements may be made by contacting the Coordinator of Testing Services.

Classroom Examination Scoring. The Office of Testing Services has the capability to machine score objective classroom examinations. Questionnaires, surveys, and student evaluations of faculty instruction may also be processed. Interested faculty members are encouraged to check with the coordinator in advance regarding type and availability of answer sheets.