

# Admission Requirements

## Admissions Office

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Requirements for admission to California State University, Fresno are in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3, of the *California Code of Regulations*. If you are not sure of these requirements, you should consult a high school or community college counselor or the CSU campus Admissions Office.

Electronic versions of the CSU undergraduate and graduate applications are accessible on the World Wide Web at <http://www.csumentor.edu>. The CSUMentor system allows students to browse through general information about 23 CSU campuses, view multimedia campus presentations, send and receive electronic responses to specific questions, and apply for admission and financial aid.

Applications may be obtained online or at any California high school or community college or from the Admissions Office at any of the campuses of the California State University.

**Importance of Filing Complete, Accurate, and Authentic Application for Admission Documents.** California State University, Fresno advises prospective students that they must supply complete and accurate information on the application for admission, residence questionnaire, and financial aid forms. Further, applicants must submit authentic and official transcripts of all previous academic work attempted. Failure to file complete, accurate, and authentic application documents may result in denial of admission, cancellation of academic credit, suspension, or expulsion (Section 41301 of Title 5, *California Code of Regulations*).

Applicants are required to include their correct Social Security number (individual taxpayer identification number) in designated places on applications for admission pursuant to the authority contained in Section 41201, Title 5, *California Code of Regulations*, Section

6109 of the Internal Revenue Code. The university uses the Social Security number to identify records pertaining to the student, to identify the student for purposes of financial aid eligibility and disbursement, and to identify the student's repayment of financial aid and other debts payable to the institution. Also, the Internal Revenue Service requires the university to file information returns that include the student's Social Security number and other information such as the amount paid for qualified tuition, related expenses, and interest on educational loans. This information is used by the IRS to help determine whether a student, or a person claiming a student as a dependent, may take a credit or deduction to reduce federal income taxes.

Taxpayers who claim Hope Scholarship or Lifetime Learning tax credit will be required to provide their name, address, and Taxpayer Identification Number to the campus.

## Undergraduate Application Procedures

Prospective students applying for part-time or full-time undergraduate programs of study in day or evening classes must file a complete undergraduate application. The \$55 nonrefundable application fee should be in the form of a check or money order payable to *The California State University* or by credit card if submitting the online application and may not be transferred or used to apply to another term. Credit card payment is acceptable for the application.

An alternate campus and major may be indicated on the application, but *applicants should list as an alternate campus only a CSU campus that also offers the major*. Generally, an alternate major will be considered at the first choice campus before an application is redirected to an alternate choice campus.

**For undergraduate admission to California State University, Fresno you must:**

1. Submit a current application with a non-refundable application fee to the Admissions Office.
2. Request institutions formerly attended to send directly to the Admissions Office transcripts of credits from high school and colleges. College transcripts are required in duplicate. Failure to include all colleges attended may result in cancellation of your registration. All transcripts submitted by students are retained by California State University, Fresno.

3. Take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT I) or American College Test (ACT) and request official scores be sent to California State University, Fresno if you are a lower-division applicant. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of all foreign applicants and applicants who do not have at least three years of full-time schooling at the secondary level or beyond where English is the principal language of instruction.
4. Take any additional proficiency or placement tests required. (See *Systemwide Placement Tests Requirements* on page 56.)

In addition to the other documents required, a veteran should file a copy of the *Notice of Separation* (DD 214) from the armed services with the application for admission. Academic credit will be awarded for service time and service schools completed as recommended by *A Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*. Veterans who are California residents may be exempt from certain admission requirements. Special admission may be granted if the applicant is judged likely to succeed academically. Standard admission procedures should be followed.

Applications will not be accepted after admissions categories have closed. Eligibility for admission cannot be determined until *all* required documents have been received. Due to staff limitations, an evaluation of transfer credit will generally not be available until sometime during the first semester's enrollment.

A maximum of 70 semester units of credit is allowed toward the bachelor's degree for work completed in a community college. However, community college credit in excess of 70 units may be used to satisfy subject requirements. No upper-division credit will be given.

Remedial course units are not accepted for admission or degree credit. For limitations on extension and correspondence credit, see *Extension Classes*.

Students desiring university housing or financial aid should file special applications with the appropriate offices concerned as soon as possible.

## Impacted Programs

The CSU designates programs as impacted when more applications are received in the initial filing period (October and November for fall terms, June for winter terms, August for spring