

uses supplementary admission criteria in screening applicants. Supplementary criteria may include rank-ordering of freshman applicants based on the CSU eligibility index or rank-ordering of transfer applicants based on the overall transfer grade point average, completion of specified prerequisite courses, and a combination of campus-developed criteria. Applicants for freshman admission to impacted campuses or programs are required to submit scores on either the SAT or the ACT. For fall admission, applicants should take tests as early as possible and no later than October of the preceding year.

The supplementary admission criteria used by the individual campuses to screen applicants appear periodically in the *CSU Review* and are made available by the campuses to all applicants seeking admission to an impacted program. Details regarding the supplemental admissions criteria are also provided at www.calstate.edu/AR/impactioninfo.shtml.

Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Application Procedures

All graduate and post-baccalaureate applicants (e.g., joint Ph.D. and Ed.D. applicants, master's degree applicants, those seeking educational credentials, and holders of baccalaureate degrees interested in taking courses for personal or professional growth) must file a complete graduate application as described in the graduate and post-baccalaureate admission materials at www.csumentor.edu. Applicants seeking a second bachelor's degree should submit the graduate application for admission unless specifically requested to do otherwise. Applicants who completed undergraduate degree requirements and graduated the preceding term are also required to complete and submit an application and the \$55 nonrefundable application fee. Since applicants for post-baccalaureate programs may be limited to the choice of a single campus on each application, re-routing to alternate campuses or later changes of campus choice are not guaranteed. To be assured of initial consideration by more than one campus, it is necessary to submit separate applications (including fees) to each. Applications submitted by way of www.csumentor.edu are preferable. An electronic version of the CSU graduate application is available on the World Wide Web at www.csumentor.edu.

Application forms may also be obtained from the Graduate Studies Office or the Admissions Office of any California State University campus.

For additional information, see the *Division of Graduate Studies*.

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.csumentor.edu/filing_status/Default.asp.

- 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.

Application Acknowledgment. On-time applicants may 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 campus requirements 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 Offices regarding specific policies governing hardship admission.

Undergraduate Admission Requirements

Freshman Requirements. Generally, first-time freshman applicants will qualify for regular admission if they meet the following requirements: (1) they have graduated from high school, have earned a Certificate of General Education Development (GED), or have passed the California High School Proficiency Examination; (2) they have a qualifiable minimum eligibility index (see section on Eligibility Index); and (3) they have completed with grades of C or better each of the courses in the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory subject requirements (see *Subject Requirements*). Courses must be completed prior to the first enrollment in The California State University.

Eligibility Index. The eligibility index is the combination of the high school grade point average and scores on either the ACT or the SAT. Grade point averages (GPA) are 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 (EI) can be calculated by multiplying a grade point average by 800 and adding your total score on the mathematics and critical reading scores of the SAT. Students who took the ACT, multiply the grade point average by 200 and add ten times the ACT composite score. Persons who are California high school graduates (or residents of California for tuition purposes) need a minimum index of 2900 using the SAT or 694 using the ACT. The Eligibility Index Table illustrates several combinations of required test scores and averages. For admission to terms during the 2009-2010 college year, the university has no current plans to include the writing scores from either of the admissions tests in the computation of the CSU Eligibility Index.

Persons who did not graduate from a California high school and are not residents of California for tuition purposes need a minimum index of 3502 (SAT) or 842 (ACT). Graduates of secondary schools