

tion of English proficiency (see *TOEFL Requirement*), financial resources, and academic performance are all considered in an admission decision. All academic documents must be submitted in native language, accompanied by a certified English translation. No final admission decision will be made until required materials have been submitted to International Admissions.

Priority in admission is given to residents of California. There is little likelihood of nonresident applicants, including international students, being admitted to either impacted majors or to those programs with limited openings.

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.

Obtain information on TOEFL testing dates and centers by writing TOEFL, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 or contacting the CSU Fresno Testing Office.

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

To qualify for undergraduate admission, an international student must present a score of 500 or better on the TOEFL. A postbaccalaureate 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 postbaccalaureate 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 postadmission 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 postadmission testing, a student may be required to enroll in certain English as a Foreign Language (EFL) courses 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.

### **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 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, and 89705-89707.5, and in Title 5 of the *California Code of Regulations*, 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 adults who are physically present in the state and who, at the same time, intend to make California their 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 organizations; maintaining California vehicle plates and operator's license; maintaining active savings and checking accounts in California banks; maintaining permanent military address and home of record in California if one is in the military service.

Students who are within the state for educational purposes only do not gain the status of resident regardless of the length of their stay in California.

In general, an unmarried minor (a person under 18 years of age) derives legal residence from the parent with whom the minor maintains or last maintained his or her place of abode. The residence of a minor cannot be changed by the minor or the appointment of a guardian for the minor, so long as the minor's parents are living.

A married person may establish his or her residence independent of his or her spouse.

An alien may establish his or her residence, unless precluded by the Immigration and Nationality Act from establishing domicile in the United States. An unmarried minor alien

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