

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.

Degree credit may be granted for work completed satisfactorily in another accredited collegiate institution, subject to the restrictions imposed on work taken at this institution. Questions concerning acceptability of a course from another institution should be addressed to the Evaluations Office.

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

A maximum of 12 semester units will be allowed for agricultural projects, work experience, and/or internship courses. No more than 6 semester units taken prior to junior standing will be accepted toward the degree. Remedial course units are not accepted for 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 to be impacted when more applications are received in the first month of the filing period than the spaces available. Some programs are impacted at every campus where they are offered; others are impacted at some campuses, but not all. You must meet supplementary admissions criteria if applying to an impacted program.

The CSU announces before the opening of the fall filing period which programs are impacted and the supplementary criteria campuses use. That announcement is published in the *CSU School and College Review*, distributed to high school and college counselors. We also give information about the supplementary criteria to program applicants.

You must file your application for admission to an impacted program during the first month of the filing period. Further, if you wish to be considered in impacted programs at two or more campuses, you must file an application to each. Nonresident applicants are rarely admitted to impacted programs.

**Supplementary Admission Criteria.** Each campus with impacted programs uses supplementary admission criteria in screening applicants. Supplementary criteria may include ranking on the freshman eligibility index, the overall transfer grade point average and a combination of campus-developed criteria. If you are required to submit scores on either the SAT or the ACT, you should take the test no later than December if applying for fall admission.

The supplementary admission criteria used by the individual campuses to screen applicants appear periodically in the *CSU School and College Review* and are sent by the campuses to all applicants seeking admission to an impacted program.

Unlike unaccommodated applicants to locally impacted programs who may be redirected to another campus in the same major, unaccommodated applicants to systemwide impacted programs may not be redirected in the same major but may choose an alternative major either at the first choice campus or another campus.

## Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Application Procedures

All graduate and postbaccalaureate applicants (e.g., master's degree applicants, those seeking credentials, and those interested in taking courses for personal or professional growth) must file a complete application as described in the admissions booklet. Applicants who completed undergraduate degree requirements and graduated the preceding term are also required to complete and submit an application and a nonrefundable application fee. Since applicants for postbaccalaureate programs may be limited to the choice of a single campus on each application, redirection to alternative campuses or later changes of campus choice will be minimal. To be assured of initial consideration by more than one campus, it will be necessary for any applicant to submit separate applications (including fees) to each. Applications may be obtained from the Graduate Studies Office of any California State University campus in addition to the sources noted for undergraduate applicants.

Graduate applicants are encouraged to submit applications during the initial filing period (November for fall admission; August for spring). For additional information, see the *Division of Graduate Studies and Research*.

## Application Filing Periods

Each campus accepts applications until capacities are reached. Many campuses accept applications up to a month prior to the opening day of the term. Some campuses will close individual programs earlier.

- Applications for the fall semester are accepted beginning November 1. Student notification begins in December.
- Applications for the spring semester are accepted beginning August 1. Student notification begins in September.

All applications postmarked or received during the initial filing period will be given equal consideration within established enrollment categories and quotas. There is no advantage in filing before the initial filing period. Applications received before the initial filing period may be returned, causing a delay in processing. With the exception of the impacted undergraduate program areas, applications will be accepted well into the extended filing periods until quotas are filled.

**Application Acknowledgment.** You may expect to receive an acknowledgment of your application from your first choice campus within two to four weeks of filing the application. A notice that space has been reserved for you will also include a request that you submit the records necessary for the campus to evaluate your qualifications. You may be assured of admission if the evaluation of your qualifications indicates that you meet admission requirements. Such a notice is not transferable to another term or to another campus.

**Hardship Petitions.** The campus has established procedures for considering qualified applicants who would be faced with extreme hardship if not admitted. Petitioners should write the Admissions Office regarding specific policies governing hardship admission.