

Graduation Requirement in Writing Proficiency. All students must demonstrate competency in writing skills as a requirement for graduation. Information on currently available ways to meet this graduation requirement may be obtained from the Admissions Office.

Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission Requirements

See *Division of Graduate Studies and Research*.

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 \$45 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 \$45 application fee. See *Planned Educational Leave*.

International (Foreign) Students

The California State University must assess the academic preparation of foreign students. For this purpose, "foreign students" include those who hold U.S. visas as students, exchange visitors or in other nonimmigrant classifications.

The CSU uses separate requirements and application filing dates in the admission of foreign students. Verification of your English proficiency (see *TOEFL Requirement*), financial resources and academic performance are all important considerations in your admission. Academic records from foreign institutions must be on file at least eight weeks before registration for the first term and, if not in English, must be accompanied by certified English translations.

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.

Information on TOEFL testing dates and centers may be obtained by writing, TOEFL, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 or from the CSU, Fresno Testing Center.

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.

Applicants to undergraduate majors in business or engineering are not eligible for conditional admission.

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, 89705–89707.5, and 90408 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 an adult who is physically present in the state and who, at the same time, intends to make California his or her 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.