

## Admissions

higher scores All graduate applicants must submit a minimum TOEFL score of 550, unless they have a baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education in which English is the language of instruction. Some campuses may also use alternative methods of assessing English fluency.

**Systemwide Placement Test Requirements.** The California State University requires each entering undergraduate, except those who qualify for an exemption, to take the CSU Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) examination and the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) prior to enrollment. These placement tests are not a condition for admission to the CSU, but they are a condition of enrollment. They are designed to identify entering students who may need additional support in acquiring basic English and mathematics skills necessary to succeed in CSU baccalaureate-level courses. Undergraduate students who do not demonstrate college-level skills both in English and in mathematics will be placed in appropriate remedial programs and activities during the first term of their enrollment. (See *Academic Placement* for EPT and ELM.)

Students placed in remedial programs in either English or mathematics must complete all remediation in their first year of enrollment. Failure to complete remediation by the end of the first year may result in denial of enrollment for future terms.

**Adult Students.** As an alternative to regular admission criteria, applicants who are 25 years of age or older may be considered for admission as adult students if they meet all of the following conditions:

1. possess a high school diploma (or have established equivalence through either the Tests of General Educational Development or the California High School Proficiency Examination)
  2. have not been enrolled as a full-time student for more than one term during the past five years (*Part-time enrollment is permissible.*)
  3. earned a C average or better in all college coursework attempted
- **First time freshman:** completion of at least high school level intermediate algebra and high school college prep level English.
  - **Lower-division transfer:** completion of at least intermediate algebra at the col-

lege level and completion of English composition at the college level.

- **Upper-division transfer:** a student with 56 or more transferable units does not qualify for special admission through this program and must meet all regular admission requirements.

Consideration is based on the applicant's probability of academic success and includes an assessment of basic skills in the English language and mathematical computation. For information, call the Reentry Office at 559.278.3040.

**Graduation Requirements 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 Evaluations Office or the Testing Office.

### Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission Requirements

See *Division of Graduate Studies*.

### 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 and exchange visitors.

The CSU uses separate requirements, admission applications, and application filing dates for international students who are seeking admission from international secondary schools or transferring from recognized international post-secondary schools. Applicants must have completed a comprehensive pattern of college preparatory courses. Verification of English proficiency (see the section on TOEFL requirement) and academic performance are required. Applicants who are seeking admission from American secondary or post-secondary schools must fulfill all requirements (see *Admission Requirements*). Academic records from foreign institutions must be on file at least eight weeks before registration for the first term, and, if the records are not in English, must be submitted in the native language and accompanied by certified English translations. No 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 that nonresident applicants, including

international students, will be admitted either to impacted majors or to those majors or programs with limited openings. (See *Impacted Programs*.)

**Application Forms.** All foreign students requesting admission for undergraduate or graduate study at California State University, Fresno must complete and file the international student application. Applicants must submit the following:

- an international application
- a \$55 nonrefundable processing fee (note that checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank account)
- a current official bank statement from financial sponsor
- an official TOEFL score taken no earlier than two years prior to attendance at California State University, Fresno
- official original or certified true copies of academic documents and other school records in the native language and in English translation

Graduate students must also submit current GMAT/GRE scores and letters of recommendation.

All documents submitted become the property of California State University, Fresno and will not be returned. They will be kept permanently for those students who actually attend; however, documents for those students who do not enroll will be retained for only one year.

**Application Deadlines.** The international application, fee, and all required documents, transcripts, and test scores must be received no later than:

Semester	Undergraduate	Graduate
Fall	June 1	March 1
Spring	November 1	October 1

Academic credentials will be evaluated for academic eligibility in accordance with the general regulations governing admission to California State University, Fresno. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate English proficiency. (See *TOEFL* next section.)

Graduate applications will be reviewed by the individual academic departments to determine eligibility for the requested graduate program.

**TOEFL.** All undergraduate, graduate, and postbaccalaureate applicants, regardless of citizenship, whose native language is not English must demonstrate competence in English.

To qualify for undergraduate admission, all students must present an official