

Applicants must file their applications for admission to an impacted program during the initial filing period. If applicants wish to be considered in impacted programs at more than one campus, they must file an application to each.

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, completion of specified prerequisite courses, and a combination of campus-developed criteria. Applicants who are required to submit scores on either the SAT I or the ACT and are applying for fall admission should take the test 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 applicants who seek admission to an impacted program.

Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Application Procedures

All graduate and postbaccalaureate applicants (e.g., joint Ph.D. and Ed.D. applicants, master's degree applicants, those seeking credentials, those seeking a second bachelor's degree or second major, and those interested in taking courses for personal or professional growth) must file a complete graduate application as described in the graduate and postbaccalaureate admissions materials at www.mentor.edu. 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. 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 or the admissions office of any California State University campus. An electronic version of the CSU graduate application is available on the World Wide Web at www.csumentor.edu. Applications submitted by way of www.csumentor.edu are preferable.

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 campus accepts applications until capacities are reached. Many campuses limit undergraduate admission in an enrollment category because of overall enrollment limits. If applying after the initial filing period, consult the campus admissions office for current information.

- 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.

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. On-time applicants may expect to receive an acknowledgment from their first choice campus within two to four weeks of filing the application. The notice may also include a request that additional records be submitted necessary for the campus 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. 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 qualify for regular admission if they graduated high school, have a qualifiable minimum eligibility index (see table on the next page), and 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 a high school grade point average and a score on either the ACT or the SAT. Beginning with admission for fall 2004, a grade point average is based on grades earned in courses taken during the final three years of high school that satisfy all college preparatory "a-g" subject requirements, and bonus points for approved honors courses (excluding physical education and military science).

Up to eight semesters of honors courses taken in the last two 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 a total score on the SAT I. Students who took the ACT multiply the grade point average by 200 and add ten times the ACT composite score. California high school graduates (or residents of California for tuition purposes) need a minimum index of 2900 using the SAT I or 694 using the ACT. The Eligibility Index Table illustrates several combinations of required test scores and averages.

Persons who did not graduate from a California high school or are not residents of California for tuition purposes need a minimum index of 3502 (SAT I) or 842 (ACT). Graduates of secondary schools in foreign countries must be judged to have academic