

scores should take the test no later than early December if applying for fall admission or no later than November if applying to Chico, or San Diego, or San Luis Obispo. Test scores are also used for advising and placement purposes. Registration forms and dates for either test may be obtained from high school or college counselors or from a CSU campus testing office. Or, write to or call:

**The College Board (SAT I)**  
**Registration Unit, Box 6200**  
**Princeton, New Jersey 08541**  
**(609) 771-7588**

**ACT**  
**Registration Unit, P.O. Box 414**  
**Iowa City, Iowa 52243**  
**(319) 337-1270**

**TOEFL Requirement.** Regardless of citizenship, all undergraduate applicants who have not attended schools at the secondary level or above for at least three years full-time where English is the principal language of instruction must present a score of 500 or above on the Test of English as a Foreign Language. Applicants taking the Computer-Based Test of English as a Foreign Language must present a score of 173 or above. Individual campuses may require higher scores for specific majors. 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.

**Systemwide Tests Required of Most New Students.** The CSU requires new students to be tested in English and mathematics after admission and prior to enrollment. These are not admission tests but a way to determine whether you are prepared for college work and, if not, to counsel you how to strengthen your preparation. You might be exempt from one or both of the tests if you have scored well on other specified tests or completed appropriate courses.

**English Placement Test (EPT).** All students enrolling at California State University, Fresno must take the EPT after admission and prior to enrollment, unless exempt according to CSU policy. (See *Academic Placement*.)

**Entry-Level Mathematics (ELM) Exam.** All students enrolling at California State University, Fresno must take the ELM after admission and prior to enrollment, unless exempt according to CSU policy. (See *Academic Placement*.)

**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 college coursework during the last five years

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 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 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 that nonresident applicants, including international students, will be admitted either to impacted majors or to those 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 file 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,