

MADE — in the — CSU

CSU 101: Introduction to the CSU for New High School Counselors

Presented by:
Various CSU Campuses





1. What is the CSU and Benefits of Attending a CSU
2. Admission Requirements and Impaction
3. Do's & Don'ts for the CSU Application Process
4. Counselor Resources
5. Question & Answer

AGENDA

481,200

STUDENTS
ATTEND THE CSU



61%

OF FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN
GRADUATE IN
6 YEARS
OR LESS

4.7



YEARS

MEDIAN TIME TO DEGREE
FOR FIRST-TIME,
FULL-TIME
CSU FRESHMEN


125,000+



STUDENTS
GRADUATE
EACH YEAR
FROM THE CSU



We Are 23 Strong



Hands on approach
Focused on Job Placement
Outstanding accessible faculty
Moderate size classrooms
Extensive academic and student
support services
Many majors offered
Accessible
Diversity
Affordable

Benefits of the CSU

WHAT CAN A STUDENT STUDY AT A CSU?



Animation/Illustration
Architecture
Aviation
Business/E-Business
Cinema Television Arts/Film
Cybersecurity
Dairy Science
Education
Engineering (Various)
E-Sports
Fire Protection Administration
Forensic Science
Global Intelligence and National Security

Hotel Restaurant Management
Interior Design
Kinesiology/Sports Management
Music Industry & Tech.
Nursing
Physician Assistant
Water Resource Management
And thousands of others....





- On-Campus Housing
- Associated Student Government
- Study Abroad Programs
- Clubs/Student Organizations
- Costs/Financial Aid
- Community Service Learning
- Leadership Development Programs
- Campus Job Opportunities
- Sports and Activities
- Student Support Programs

Life at the CSU

Academic Advising
Writing Center
Career Center
Tutoring Center
Study Abroad Programs
Counseling & Psychological
Services
Various Student Cultural
Centers
Leadership Development
Programs
Wellness Center
Veteran & Military Services
Disability Student Services
Food Pantry



Campus Resources

NCAA
Division I:
Fresno
San Diego
Sacramento State

Division II:
San Marcos
Chico
Cal Poly Pomona

NAIA
Maritime

*The CSU competes in many
levels of division athletics
including NCAA I & II and
NAIA*



Division Athletics

A photograph of a modern campus housing complex. The buildings are two-story structures with light beige walls and dark brown tiled roofs. In the foreground, there are several large, white roses in full bloom, slightly out of focus. The sky is clear and blue.

The Benefits of Living on
Campus:
Convenience
Specialized Communities
Academic Support
Social Life

Living on Campus

Freshmen Admission Requirements



Fall 2023 Freshmen Eligibility

- ***Test FREE Admissions***
- High school graduate or equivalent
- Complete the 15-unit “a-g” college preparatory courses
- Earn qualifying “a-g” grade point average (GPA)
 - CA Residents: 2.5 or greater
 - Between 2.0 & 2.49 may be evaluated based on supplemental factors

Area	Subject	Years
a.	History and Social Science	2
b.	English	4
c.	Mathematics	3
d.	Laboratory Science	2
e.	Language Other Than English	2
f.	Visual and Performing Arts	1
g.	College Preparatory Elective or an additional course from a-f	1
Total Required Courses		15

Primary Factors

- GPA in all completed a-g courses (courses after 9th grade – 11th grade)
- GPA and courses taken in subjects relevant to selected major
- Number of academic courses beyond the minimum a-g requirements

Secondary Supplemental Factors

- Location of high school and educational opportunities available (free & reduced lunch, CCPI, Other)
- Student attributes: First generation, Low income, Foster youth, Military service
- Activities/Engagement outside of school: Extracurricular activities, Work/Volunteer experience, Leadership roles

Multi-Factor Admission Score



Educational Programs & Work Experience

Educational Programs Participation

Have you participated in any of these programs in high school and beyond?

✦ AVID

Yes No

✦ Upward Bound

Yes No

✦ Talent Search or Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

Yes No

✦ Puente Project

Yes No

✦ Independent Living Project (ILP)

Yes No

✦ MESA Project

Yes No

✦ Other (Gear-up, CAMR, Foster youth support programs, Student Support Services Programs (SSSP))

Yes No

Work Information

✦ What was the average number of hours worked per week over the most recent 12 months?

1 - 5 hours

✦ Was more than 25% of your work hours related to your major of choice?

Yes No

Extracurricular Programs Hours of Participation and Leadership

Extracurricular Programs and leadership participation includes activities such as arts, Asian American Club, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, Boy's Week/Girl's Week, cheerleading, drama/theater, inter-scholastic athletics, marching band, MEChA, Pride Club, science club, student government, yearbook, Young Democrats/Young Republicans and all other extracurricular activities.

✦ Select the average number of hours per week you are/were involved in activities during the last 12 months.

1 - 5 hours

✦ Did you hold or have you held any leadership positions in those activities, e.g. class president, club president, team captain, yearbook editor, etc.?

Yes No

When a campus receives a greater number of applications from eligible students but not enough spaces to offer admission for all of those eligible students. Therefore, meeting the minimum requirements may not be enough to gain admission to a CSU



What is Impaction?

Impacted At Freshmen Level and Major

Fresno State

Cal State Fullerton

Cal State Long Beach

Cal State Los Angeles

San Diego State

San Jose State

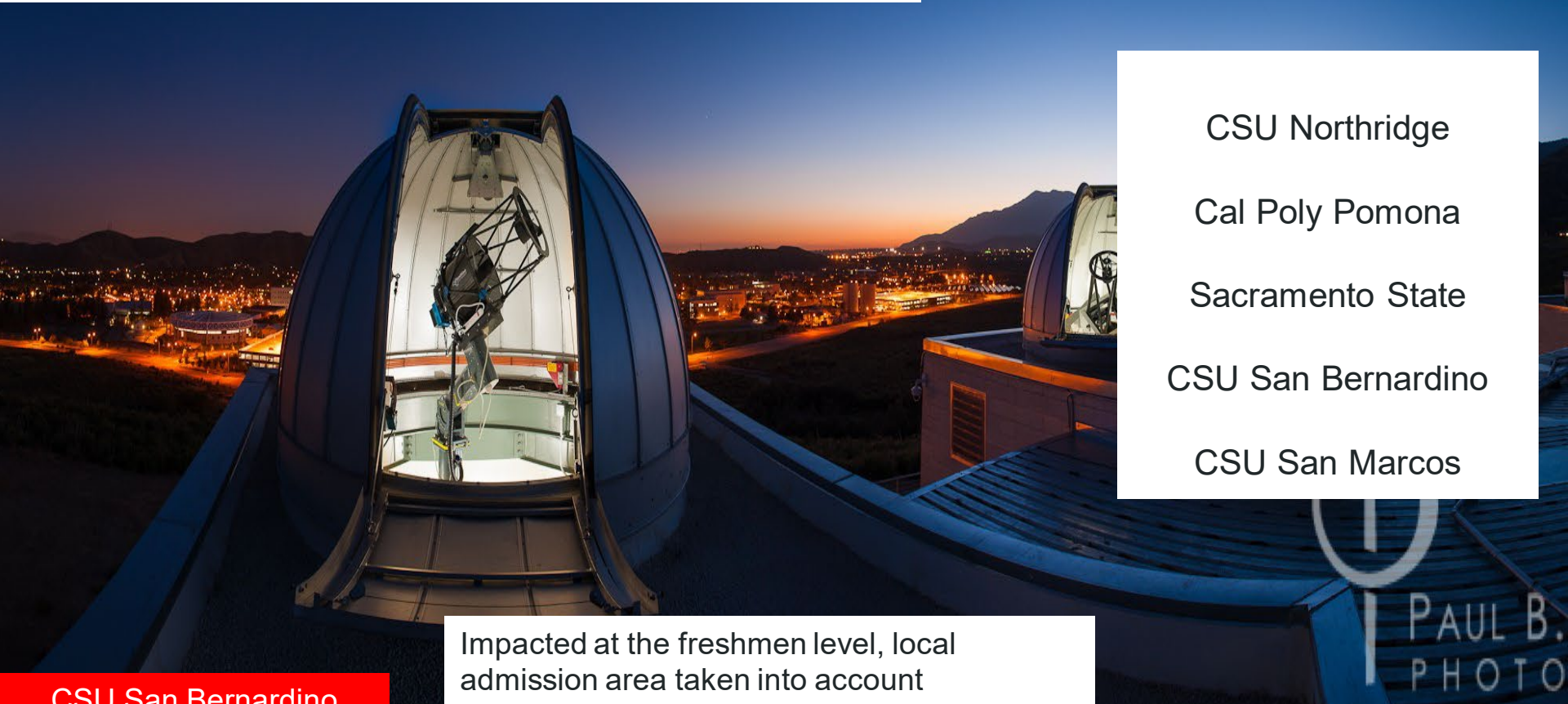
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo



All undergraduate programs, pre-programs, and undeclared/undecided programs are impacted

Photo by Abigail Doveaux, second year Biochemistry

Impacted at Freshmen Level



CSU Northridge

Cal Poly Pomona

Sacramento State

CSU San Bernardino

CSU San Marcos

Impacted at the freshmen level, local admission area taken into account

Non-Impacted Campuses

CSU Bakersfield

CSU Chico

CSU Channel Islands

CSU Dominguez Hills

East Bay

Cal Poly Humboldt

Maritime Academy

Monterey Bay

San Francisco State

Sonoma State

CSU Stanislaus



Campuses accept all eligible applicants who meet minimum CSU Admission Requirements. Please note some campuses may have impacted programs.



Transfer Options

- Transfer to the CSU: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/transfer>
- A Degree with a Guarantee (ADT): <https://adgreewithaguarantee.com/en-us/>
- Associate Degree for Transfer Major & Campus Search:
<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/associate-degree-for-transfer-major-and-campus-search.aspx>

Transfer Success Pathways

- Offered in May 2023
- Eligible: First-time freshman entering a community college
- Agreement with one CSU campus required



New for Fall
2023

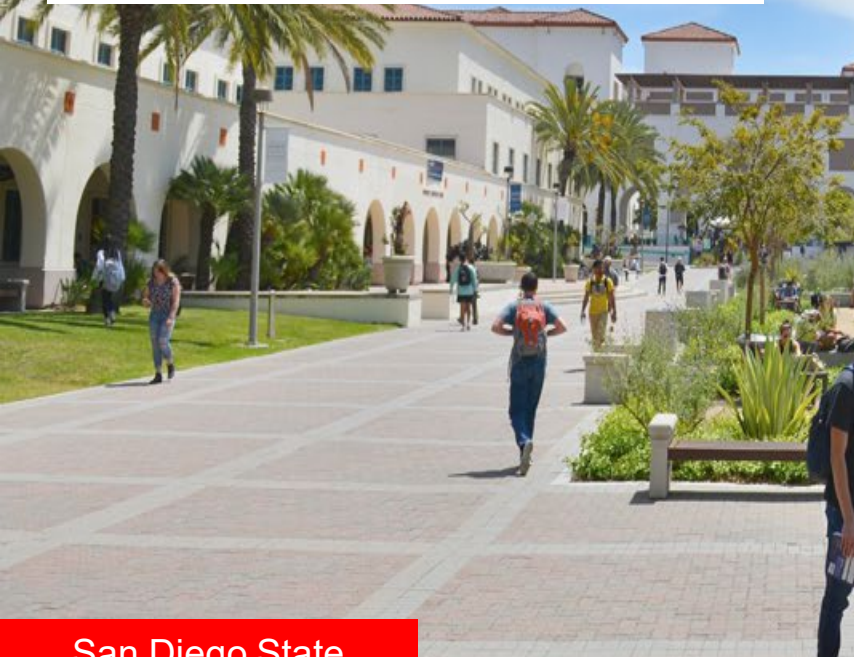


CSU The California State University

CAL STATE APPLY
calstate.edu/apply

Application Period: October 1st – November 30th

Cal State Apply Top 5 Do's and Don'ts for Filling Out Your Freshman Application



DO ✓

DO visit the [Dates and Deadlines](#) page to see **what programs are available** at each CSU campus since this information can change each application cycle.

DO complete your [Extended Profile](#) correctly. Make sure you are selecting "First Bachelor's" degree. Need help? Visit the [Help Center](#). The customer support team is here to help with any issues you may have.

DO review the [Freshman Application Guide](#) and the [First-Time Freshman Guidance](#) page for **help filling out your application**.

DO review the [Fee Waiver Checklist](#) to see if you may be eligible for an **application fee waiver** prior to submitting.

Ready to submit? DO first, stop and **review your application carefully**. After you submit, you will not be able to make changes. Be sure to check that you selected the CSU campus(es) you intended to apply to.

DON'T ✗

DON'T start your **application late**. Instead, take your time and submit **early** to avoid stress.

DON'T create your Cal State Apply account with an **email you rarely use**. Instead, provide an email address you check regularly since official communications about the application process are sent via email.

DON'T fill in your application **from memory**. Instead, be sure to have a copy of your unofficial high school transcripts to enter your courses and match A-G. Have an **official college transcript** for college credit, if applicable.

DON'T leave out your **in progress (currently taking)** high school courses. These will be used to calculate your total years earned towards the A-G requirements.

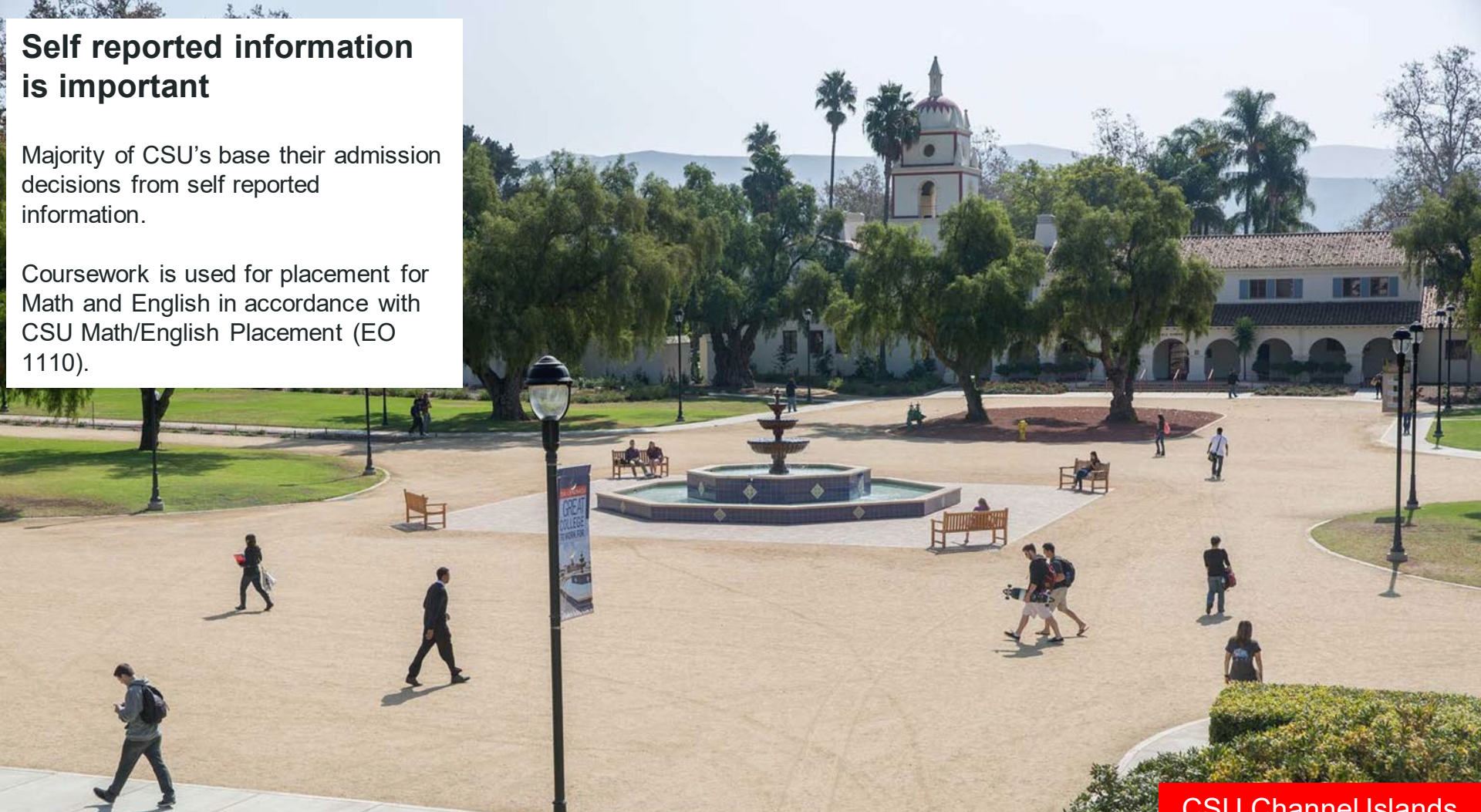
DON'T enter high school courses that **do not meet an A-G requirement**. Instead, only enter high school courses that can be matched to A-G. Reminder: ALL college credit should be entered, even if not taken for A-G.

Visit calstate.edu/apply/freshman for more information.

Self reported information is important

Majority of CSU's base their admission decisions from self reported information.

Coursework is used for placement for Math and English in accordance with CSU Math/English Placement (EO 1110).



Students Must Check Their Portal

- Admission Status is via campus Portal
- Majority of communication from the CSU campuses is via email
- Create a separate email address that students and parents can both check.



My **CAL STATE LA**

Username

Password

LOGIN

myNorthridge PORTAL LOGIN

Username:

Password:

Online Services

Username

Password

LOGIN



CAL POLY

Username

username@calpoly.edu

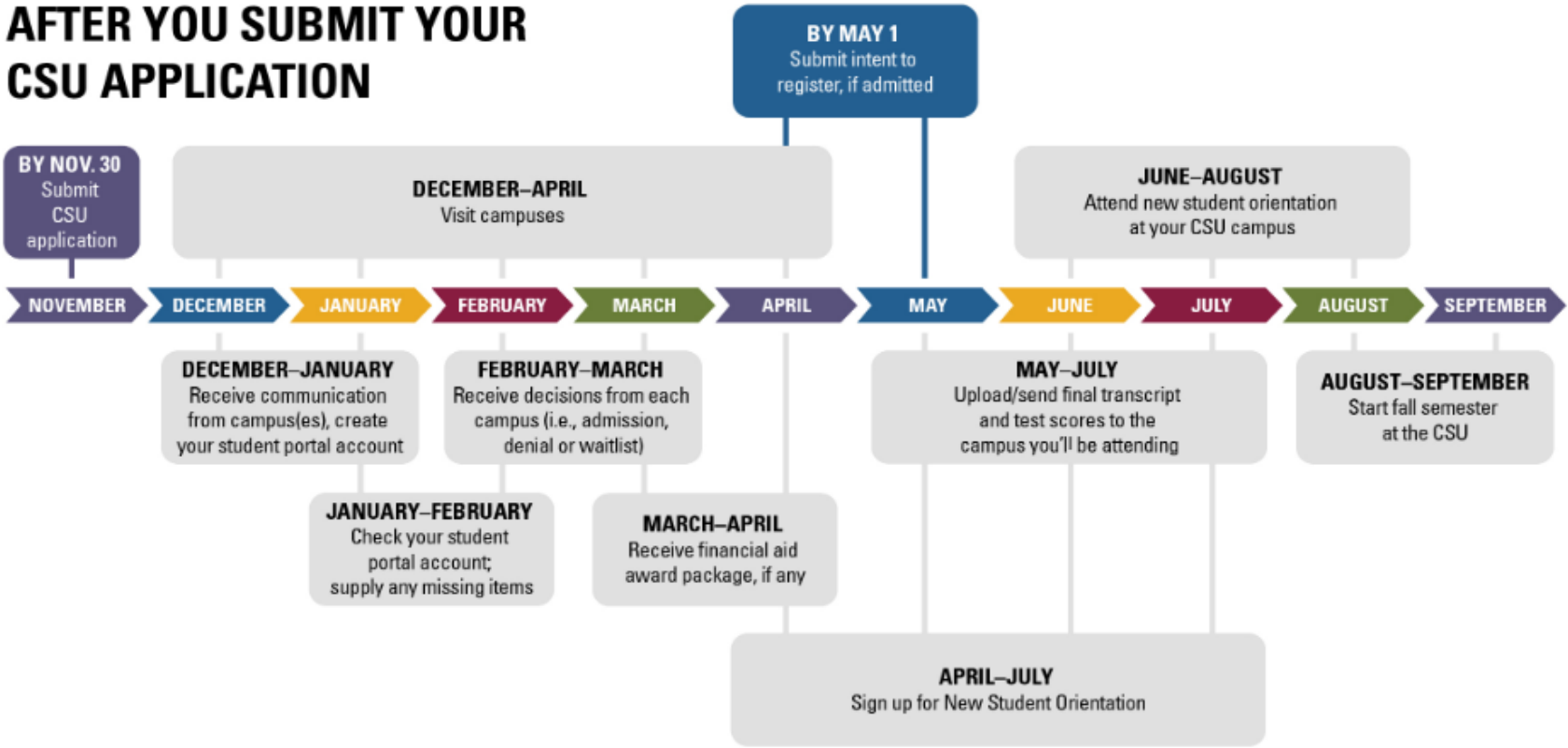
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Need Help?

Login

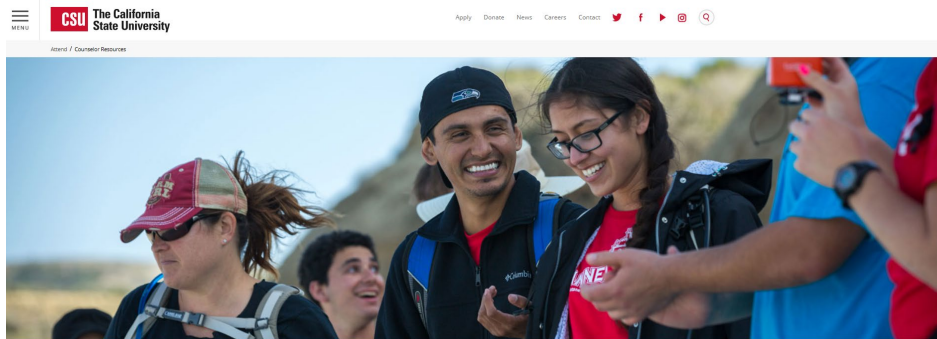
What to expect from the CSU admissions process

AFTER YOU SUBMIT YOUR CSU APPLICATION



Counselor Resources

<https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/counselor-resources/Pages/default.aspx>



Counselor Resources

Counselors at high schools and community colleges are essential partners with the California State University in helping our students prepare for and succeed in college. This directory includes the most popular CSU resources used by high school and community college counselors and educators.

[Go to Resources](#)

First-Time Freshman

[Admission Handbook \(PDF\)](#)

[Cal State Apply Counselor Presentation for Freshman](#)

[Campus Admission-Specific Practices & Enrollment Resources](#)

[College-Dual Enrollment Coursework Guidance](#)

[CSU Student Success](#)

[CSU-UC Comparison of Minimum Freshman Admission Requirements](#)

[First-time Freshman Supplemental Factors by Campus](#)

[First-time Freshman Supplemental Factors Summary](#)

[Freshman Admission Requirements Overview](#)

[Freshman Application Checklist](#)

[Freshman Application Guide 2022-2023](#)

["How to Get to Cal State" Website](#)

[Top Freshman Application Dos and Don'ts 22-23](#)

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER CHECKLIST

If you have not been approved for an Application Fee Waiver, and believe that you should be eligible, the following checklist will guide you through common errors made on the application, which may result in a denied fee waiver.

ARE YOU AN UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE APPLICANT?

- Undergraduate - Go on
- Graduate - Only Undergraduate applicants are eligible for an application fee waiver.

ARE ALL FOUR QUADRANTS OF YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE, WITH A GREEN CIRCLE AND CHECK MARK?

- Yes - Green
- No - You must complete your entire application before your fee waiver is displayed

ON THE PERSONAL INFORMATION QUADRANT, IN THE CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCY INFORMATION TILE, WHAT IS YOUR CITIZENSHIP STATUS?

- US Citizen - Go on
- Permanent Resident/Green Card - Go on
- None - Go on
- Refugee - Go on
- Non Resident - International applicants are not eligible for application fee waivers

ON THE PERSONAL INFORMATION QUADRANT, IN THE CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCY INFORMATION TILE, WHAT STATE DO YOU REGARD AS YOUR PERMANENT HOME? (at the bottom of the screen)

- California - Go on
- State of Arrival - Applicants must have arrived more than one year ago
- Any other state - Only CA residents are eligible for an application fee waiver

ON THE PERSONAL INFORMATION QUADRANT, IN THE CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCY INFORMATION TILE, DO YOU CLAIM CALIFORNIA RESIDENCY? (in the bottom of the screen)

- Yes - Go on
- No - Only CA residents are eligible for an application fee waiver

ON THE PERSONAL INFORMATION QUADRANT, IN THE FINANCIAL AND PARENTAL INFORMATION TILE, IS THE APPLICANT DEPENDENT OR INDEPENDENT?

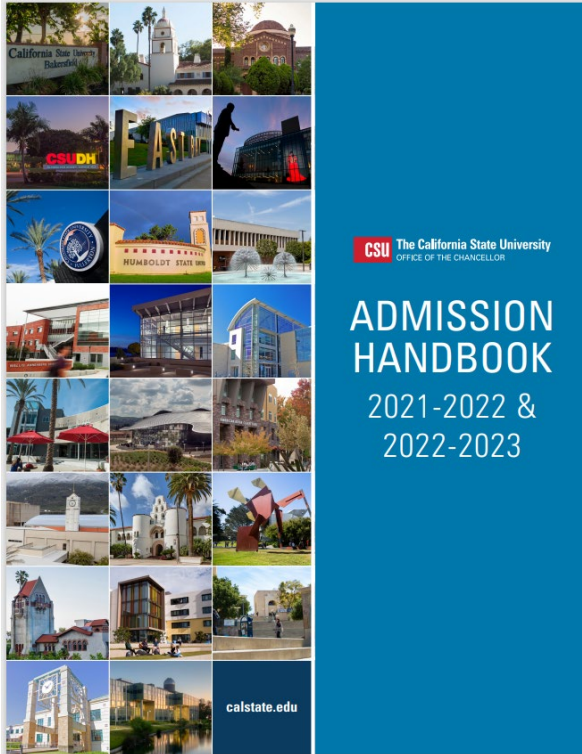
- Dependent
 - What is the family size listed? - Must be greater than 1
 - Did the applicant live outside home? - Applicants often mistakenly report the same income in both fields, which doubles their income.

If all items have been reviewed, and you are still not eligible, it may be due to your family size and income. The Application Fee Waiver is restricted for only low income families.

Note: Check back for waivers are not accepted by CSU campuses

CSU LOCAL ADMISSION AND SERVICE AREAS

CAMPUS	LOCAL ADMISSION AREA		SERVICE AREA
	First-Time Freshman Admission	Upper-Division Transfer Admission	
Bakersfield	Not Impacted: State of California	Not Impacted: State of California	Average Valley, Lancaster, Pomona and the counties of Inyo, Fresno, Kings, Madera, and Kern (south of Taft) & Mono.
Channel Islands	Not Impacted: State of California	Not Impacted: State of California	Madera, Santa Barbara County Channel Islands to San Luis Obispo south of Goleta, and Ventura County
Chico	All high schools in the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba, and 4 school districts in Trinity, Mariposa Valley, Southern Trinity, Trinity Alps, and Trinity High Schools	30 units of coursework from one or more of the community colleges of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba Counties, and Yuba Counties	Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba Counties, and Yuba Counties
Dominquez Hills	Not Impacted: State of California	Not Impacted: State of California	Los Angeles County (see Attachment B/C)
East Bay	All high schools in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Solano	All community colleges in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Solano	Alameda and Contra Costa Counties
Fresno	Each program is impacted. Majority of transferable coursework from Fresno, Kings, Madera, Triunfo Counties and partner high schools with a historic relation with Fresno State in other counties	Each program is impacted. Majority of transferable coursework from Allan Hancock College, Citrus Community College, College of the Siskiyous, Fresno State College, Central Community College, Maricopa College, Modesto Junior College, Paradise College, Reddick College, and West Valley College including transfer courses	The counties of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Sutter-Presno to Bakerfield, north of Taft and Kern County
Fullerton	Each program is impacted. All high schools in Orange County, Chico, Contra Costa, Yuba, Yuba, and Alameda School District	Majority of courses from in combination with each of the community colleges in Orange County	Orange County (see Attachment B and C)



The purpose of this chart is to provide a high-level summary. Please review the individual campus website for additional details. Some criteria may only be used for impacted or STEM majors.

Use the following information for each campus please visit the 2022-2023 First-Time Freshman Supplemental Factors by Campus page

Campus	Impacted Status*	Review 2.0/0 CR/2	Review 2.4/0 CR/2	Math SAT/ACT	Eng GPA	Lab Sci GPA	LOTE GPA	LOTE Coursework	Math/CS/CSJ	LOTE	Prommer Partnership Program	Free & Reduced Lunch School (64%)	First Gen	App Fee Total	Youth Connect	Military Service	Work Exp	Extra-curricular Activities	Leadership Roles
Bakersfield	Program	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Channel Islands	Program	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chico	Impacted	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dominquez Hills	Not Impacted	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
East Bay	Impacted	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fresno	Fully Impacted	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fullerton	Fully Impacted	No	No	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Humboldt	Not Impacted	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Long Beach	Fully Impacted	No	No	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Los Angeles	Fully Impacted	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maritime	Program	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Monterey Bay	Impacted	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Northridge	Impacted	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pomona	Impacted	No	No	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sacramento	Impacted	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Bernardino	Program	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Diego	Fully Impacted	No	No	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Francisco	Program	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Jose	Fully Impacted	No	No	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Luis Obispo	Fully Impacted	No	No	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Marcos	Impacted	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Stanislaus	Program	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

All campuses will take into consideration Local Admission Area in their admission criteria.

Local Admission Area Information

Impaction Status Fully Impacted = Impacted in all majors and at the first-time freshman level.

Impacted = Impacted at the first-time freshman level and certain programs are impacted.

Program = Not impacted at the first-time freshman level but have some programs impacted.

Not Impacted = Not impacted at the first-time freshman level or any programs.

No State Review Will require review California HS graduates and residents with a GPA between 2.0 and 2.40

†No of State Will require review non-residents with a GPA between 2.47 and 2.97

**"g" course grades and counts in most relevant courses to promote success in intended academic discipline.

††All State San Marcos will only evaluate applicants in their local admission area with an "a-g" GPA between 2.0 and 2.40.

CSU-UC Comparison of Minimum Freshman Admission Requirements

	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)
SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS	<p>15 yearlong/30 semester college preparatory A-G courses are required with letter grades of C or better**.</p> <p>11 UC-required college-preparatory courses must be completed prior to senior year (including summer courses)</p>	
A History/Social Science	<p>2 years/4 semesters of history/social science, including one year of U.S. History OR one semester of American government, AND</p> <p>1 year of history/social science from either the A or G subject area.</p>	<p>1 year of world history, cultures, or historical geography (including European History) from the B subject area.</p>
B English	<p>4 years/8 semesters of college preparatory English composition/literature (including no more than 1 year of Advanced ESL/ID).</p>	<p>ESL/ID cannot meet the senior year of English.</p>
C Mathematics	<p>3 years/6 semesters of mathematics (including or integrating topics covered in elementary algebra, two- and three-dimensional geometry, advanced algebra** (Also acceptable are courses that address the above content areas, and include or integrate: probability, statistics or trigonometry.)</p> <p>Students applying to CSU and UC must complete a geometry course (or integrated math course with geometry content).</p>	<p>3 years/6 semesters of mathematics (including or integrating topics covered in elementary algebra, two- and three-dimensional geometry, advanced algebra**)</p>
D Science	<p>2 years/4 semesters of science</p> <p>Integrated/interdisciplinary courses may be used to fulfill either physical or biological science.</p>	<p>At least 1 year of physical science and 1 year of biological science, one year must be from D subject area and the second year may be from D or G area**</p> <p>Must include at least two of the three foundational subjects of biology, chemistry, and physics (including Biology/Earth & Space Sciences, Chemistry/Earth & Space Sciences, and Physics/Earth & Space Sciences as part of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) models); or two years of a three-year NGSS integrated-science model; or one year of biology, chemistry or physics and one year of an approved science chosen from the earth & space sciences or interdisciplinary sciences disciplines. Approved courses in the applied science, computer science, and engineering disciplines may only be used for a 3+ year (or beyond) of the science requirement. Courses must be from the D subject area.</p>
E Language Other Than English	<p>2 years/4 semesters (or equivalent to the 2nd level of high school instruction) of a language other than English**</p>	<p>2 years/4 semesters (or equivalent to the 2nd level of high school instruction) of a language other than English**</p>
F Visual and Performing Arts	<p>1 year/2 semesters (or two one-semester courses in the same discipline) chosen from the following disciplines: Dance, Music, Theater, Visual Arts or Interdisciplinary Arts</p>	<p>1 year/2 semesters (or two one-semester courses in the same discipline) chosen from the following disciplines: Dance, Music, Theater, Visual Arts or Interdisciplinary Arts</p>
G College Preparatory Elective	<p>1 year/2 semesters of elective course work chosen from any area on approved A-G course list</p>	<p>1 year/2 semesters of elective course work chosen from any area on approved A-G course list</p>
REPEATED COURSES	<p>California State University (CSU)</p> <p>CSU and UC do not use plus/minus grades in the GPA calculation for university G-C courses.</p> <p>Required A-G courses must be completed with a grade of C or better**. Any course may be repeated with the exact same course. There is a limitation on the number of times a course can be repeated. Repeated courses are only used once and the instance with the highest earned grade will be used in the GPA calculation.</p>	

** Any credit grade allowed for A-G coursework completed in winter 2020 through summer 2021.

** High school coursework completed in 7th and/or 8th grade can be used to meet the course and/or G requirements.

** It is best to prepare for both UC and the CSU by completing two laboratory courses from the D subject area.

Information is accurate as of August 2022



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Central Valley
Pasadena
Sacramento
San Diego
San Jose



PICTURE YOUR FUTURE HERE.

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Campus Events

Questions? Please contact the campus for more information.

Campus

All 

- All
- Channel Islands
- Chico
- Dominguez Hills
- East Bay
- Fullerton
- Los Angeles
- Monterey Bay
- Northridge
- San Luis Obispo
- San Marcos
- Stanislaus

Intended Audience

All 

Student Type

All 

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California State University Counselor Portal

The CSU Advisor Portal is designed specifically for our colleagues and partners who are working with students interested in attending California State University.

The portal serves as a one-stop-shop for all of the information needed to successfully advise students for a smooth transition to CSU.

Tell us about yourself To receive information from California State University, we need to know the following:

Email *

First Name *

Last Name *

Primary Population *

I am employed by: *

State *

Go 



<http://counselors.calstate.edu/inquiryform>



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